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KRISTA VALENTINE/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Second Lt. Sherry Mattson, left, a contracting officer for the 374th Abrilt Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan, gives the oath of enlistment to her father, Chief Master Sgt. Bertd Allison of the 25th Operations Group at Missawa Air Base, Japan, on Monday, Folwing his re-enlistment, Allison flew in an F-16 with Col. Michael Boera, 35th OG commander, as part of the 35th Fighter Wing's final flight of fiscal were 2004.



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Artificial heart death: An Indiana man who lived with an implanted artificial heart for 147 days has died, the heart manufacturer said. Danvers. Mass.-based Abiomed

Danvers, Mass.-based Abiomed Inc., maker of the AbioCor artificial heart, said Don Graham, 73, of New Albany, Ind., died Sunday "of causes related to device operation"

A statement released Monday by Abiomed did not elaborate on the cause.

Peterson trial: Scott Peterson's defense called a witness to suggest that his pregnant wife's abduction and murder may have been the result of mistaken identity — a crime carried out by perpetrators seeking to attack a woman who looked just like Laci Peterson

Defense lawyer Mark Geragos noted Monday in Redwood City, Calif., during questioning of Modesto police Detective Craig Grogan that authorities had received a tip early on from a woman whom the lawyer only identified as "Michelle" about the possibility hat Laci's killing may have been a mistake.

Abortion doctor shooting: A man who confessed to shooting an abortion provider did so only to win the release of a woman who helped him evade capture, his lawyer argued Monday in seeking to have the confession thrown out in his upcoming trial in Buffalo, NY.

The lawyer, John Humann, said James Kopp's confession was the result of a deal between Kopp's former attorney and the government that trampled on Kopp's rights. The former attorney, Bruce Barket, was also representing the woman, Loretta Marra, at the time Kopp made the statements to reporters, Humann said.

Right-to-die case: The parents of a woman in the center of a right-to-die dispute said Monday they will continue fighting to keep her alive despite a recent legal setback, and are putting their hopes on winning a new trial in a Thursday court hearing.

Bob and Mary Schindler were dealt a blow last week when the state Supreme Court struck down a law rushed through the Legislature last fall to reconnect the feeding tube of their daughter six days after it was removed.

D.C.-area sniper attacks: Convicted teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo formally agreed Monday to plead guilty to a second slaying and a wounding during the October 2002 shooting spree that left 10 people dead, his lawyer said.

Malvo will accept a sentence of life in pris-



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Teachers and parents train: Sollars Elementary School teacher Deborah Turner, left, and Jeannie Hill, parent of an Edgren High School student, practice role playing during School Advisory Committee training on Tuesday at Cummings Elementary School. Teachers and parents at Misawa Air Base, Japan, elected this year to serve on school advisory committees and received training Tuesday from Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific administrators on their roles as committee members. Across DODDS Pacific, there are 45 school advisory committees that advise their school principals on educational issues.

on without possibility of parole and plead guilty to capital murder for killing Kenneth Bridges and attempted capital murder for wounding Caroline Seawell, attorney Craig Cooley said.

World

Human embryo cloning: One of the creators of Dolly the sheep, the world's first mammal cloned from an adult, said Tuesday he was seeking permission to create cloned human embryos for medical research.

Ian Wilmut, who led the team that created Dolly at Scotland's Roslin Institute in 1996, said he had applied for a license from the government to clone cells from sufferers of motor neuron disease to discover how the debilitating condition develops.

Russia-U.S. extradition dispute: The U.S. ambassador to Russia said that Moscow and Washington stand united in the fight against global terror and sought to soothe Russia's anger over U.S. asylum for a Chechen rebel envoy, according to an interview published Tuesday.

Russia has angrily criticized the United States for granting asylum to Ilyas Akhmadov, an envoy for Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov, and also fumed at Britain which gave refugee status to another Maskhadov envoy, Akhmed Zakayev.

Nagasaki survivor payments: A South Korean survivor of the World War II atomic bombing of Nagasaki is entitled to receive his medical allowances even though he moved to South Korea, a Japanese court ruled Tuesday, reversing an earlier decision by city officials.

The ruling comes too late for Choi Kye-chul, who died in July. But it is expected to have an impact on similar cases of other atomic bomb survivors living abroad.

Business

WorldCom deal: U.S. telecom giant World-Com, now called MCI Inc., won a moral victory Tuesday when a European court ruled that European Union antitrust regulators should not have issued an order blocking its aborted bid in 2000 for rival Sprint Corp.

Although the companies have no intention of reviving their aborted tie-up, which was also opposed in Washington, the decision makes it easier for MCI to pursue any future deals by wiping the regulatory slate clean in Europe.

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Okinawa bases keep eye on lingering Meari

BY DAVID ALLEN Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa —
As Okinawa breathed a tentative
sigh of relief Tuesday, expecting
Typhoon Meari to veer away
from the island, Sasebo Nava
Base and Kanto Plain bases
braced for a dousing as the
slow-moving storm weakened but

still churned its way northeast.

"We don't believe this storm will come back on us. But you never know," Tech. Sgt. Glen De-Mars, noncommissioned officer in charge of Kadena Air Base's 18th Weather Flight's Combat Weather Fram said Tuesday.

Weather Team, said Tuesday.

The typhoon became stationary in part because it lacked a driving force once it passed to the west of Okinawa, DeMars said. "We believe a cold front now over China

and Korea will pull it to the northeast and it will continue on a track toward Kyushu."

Sasebo, in southern Japan, remained in TCCOR Tropical Storm Watch on Tuesday afternoon, with forecasters expecting no major threat from the typhoon. The closest point of approach to the base was predicted to be about 106 miles to the southeast,

the forecast stated.
"Confidence has been upgraded to extremely high that destructive-force winds of 50 knots (about 58 mph) or greater will not occur with passage," the forecast

At Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station in southwestern Honshu, TCCOR Three was issued Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m., with the typhoon predicted to pass about 112 miles from the base, according to a base spokesman.

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Hawaii forecasts Mear to weaken to tropical storm status as it passes over land, passing over the Kanto Plain within 40 miles of Camp Zama, Camp Fuji, Atsugi Naval Air Facility and Yokota Air Base on Friday night, with winds up to 50 mph.

But Tuesday the storm lingered off Okinawa's coast for a second straight day, giving students at Department of Defense Dependents Schools an unexpect-

ed day off.

Air Force and school officials decided canceling classes would be safer than facing the potential chaos of sending students home early should Typhoon Meari, which means "echo" in Korean, mimic its name and reverberate

mimic its name and reverberate back toward the island. "It's just sitting out there," said

DeMars. "It's moving to the northeast, but not at a breakneck

Typhoon Meari was about 120 miles west of Okinawa on Tuesday morning, with winds of almost 120 mph churning at its center. Winds at Kadena were clocked at 46 mph at 9 a.m.

The island's military bases went into a "Storm Watch" condition Sunday afternoon as Meari passed some 90 miles to the south, whipping the island with winds gusting to 70 mph.

Little damage was reported. The bases remained in Storm Watch throughout Tuesday. "I've been here for four years

and we've never been in Storm Watch this long," DeMars said, noting that typhoons in the area are extremely unpredictable. In September 2001, Typhoon Nari lingered for eight days, passing over the island as a tropical storm, then making a U-turn, gaining strength and hitting the island again with winds of 113 mph

ing strength and hitting the island again with winds of 113 mph. The storm then spun in a stationary pattern some 150 miles to the west of Okinawa before turning back and passing over the island for a third time, with winds

of 68 mph.

Typhoon Meari appeared
anti-climactic by comparison. It finally picked up speed and began
moving away from Okinawa by
midday Tuesday, heading to the
northeast at a leisurely 8 mph.
Bases on Okinawa returned to
normal conditions of typhoon
year. The season's latest typhoon,
DeMars said, "should be out of
our hair."

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Navy medical, dental commands set to merge completely by early 2005

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Although patients probably will not notice the change, the merging of the Navy medical and dental commands' financial systems is to come to completion Friday as phase one of a Navywide plan to completely blend the two health-care functions.

The complete disestablishment of the dental commands as separate entities is predicted to be complete in early 2005, according to a Navy news report Tuesday. The surgeon general of the Navy first announced the concept last spring.

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The Navy Personnel Command's independent review of dental command structures cites an anticipated "cost avoidance of \$4.4 million" over the next five years, the report stated. Officials said the goal is an "improved management process while maintaining the same high standard of care."

For instance, the U.S. Naval Hospital at Yokosuka Naval Base operates medical with dental operations on mainland Japan at Yokosuka, Sasebo Naval Base, Atsugi Naval Air Facility and Yokohama Annex.

Bill Doughty, a USNH Yokosuka spokesman, said much of the cost avoidance comes from deleting duplicated efforts. "The Navy identified more than 90

duplicated functions at dental and medical commands. Do we really need two separate awards boards, for example? Integration is expected to increase efficiency and streamline services," he said Tuesday afternoon.

More than 95 percent of the Navy's treatment facilities — dental and medical — are in the "same building or within a short walking distance," the report stated.

Doughty said physical changes at the Japan facilities are limited, but still evolving.

"Frankly, most of our customers

may not notice a change," he said.
"We do expect, however, to increase
efficiency while still providing the
same high-quality service to all of
our patients."

Capt. Carol Turner, chief of the Navy Dental Corps, stated that speedy completion of the plan is benoficial.

The quicker we can consolidate, the faster we can streamline our processes, eliminate duplicate functions cosses, eliminate duplicate functions said in the report. "The early integration also gives our Navy dental leaders a chance to focus on expanded career opportunities through integration into the total Navy health delivery system."

According to Turner, the benefits of integrating the two areas of Navy health delivery are numerous, for the patient as well as for the provider.

Doughty's assessment is much the same.

"Integration is expected to improve business practices and not affect the already high quality of health care services we provide," he said. "Staff members may have fewer meetings to attend and more of an opportunity to focus on patient care, so one thing we may see fairly unickly is improved access to care."

He said leadership realignment is being studied. "We're still discussing details, but leaders from both U.S. Naval Dental Center Far East and U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka are already working together."

In addition, he said, the number of personnel assigned to the command should not change significantly.

The Navy's medical and dental treatment facility integration is part of a Navywide initiative by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark designed to "reduce overhead costs and improve productivity and mission effectiveness by identifying and methods to recapitalize and transform the force," added the report. Email Greg Tyler at:

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Above: Sallors at the Landing Signal Enlisted School at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, ractice vertical replenishment evolutions by connecting a cable from a load to an SH-60F helicopter of Helicopter Anlisubmarine Squadron 14. Vertical replenishment is the on- and off-loading of stores while ships are under way. The squadron, from Atsug Naval Air Facility, Japan, is part of the USS Kitty Hawk strike group.

VISS Fort McHenry connects a cable from a load to an SH-60F helicopter of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron 14 at Yokosuka.

Top right: Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 2nd Class Bennie Romiti from Oakland, Calif., of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron, 14 practices vertical replenishment evolutions.





KRISTA VALENTINE/Courtegy of the LLS. Air Ford

Second Lt. Sherry Mattson, a contracting officer with the 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan, signs re-enlistment papers Monday at Misawa Air Base. Japan. after administering the oath of enlistment Monday to her father, Chief Master Sgt. Brett Allison, 35th Operations

'Doesn't get any better'

Daughter re-enlists father at Misawa

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Strings

MISAWA AIR BASE Japan -Second Lt. Sherry Mattson forgot her lines as soon as her dad smiled.

A contracting specialist with 374th Contracting Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan, Mattson was at Misawa on Monday to repay a favor to her father, Chief Master Set. Brett Allison, superin-

tendent of 35th Operations Group.
After logging 26 years in the
Air Force, Allison was to re-enlist one last time. Enlisted members must get an officer to administer enlistment oath. choose their commander or imme diate officer-in-charge; Allison asked his daughter.

"It's kind of that continual feel-ing of pride in what she's done," the chief said. "It's almost indescribable

The two have shared many mile stones: Mattson was her father's escort at his chief induction ceremony, and last May, Allison com missioned Mattson upon her graduation from the University of Wisconsin-Superior and Air Force Re

serve Officer Training Corps. The chief found a legal loophole that allows a notary public to administer the oath to commission an officer in the military Typically, either an active-duty or retired officer administers the commissioning oath.

This time, with Mattson reading the oath, father and daughter had come full circle

"As far as having your child re-enlist you. I can't say for sure it's a first, but I don't know of any-one else." Allison said Monday

after his re-enlistment ceremony. Mattson said she memorized the ath - "about five or six lines" the night before but stumbled when her dad started to smile.

"I just broke down laughing and I lost it and then I had to bust out the notes," Mattson said.

Allison said he smiled at the nart where he was to swear to obey officers appointed over him. "Just at the irony," he said. One of those officers "just happens to be my daughter."

Also Monday, Allison flew in the back seat of an F-16 in one of two hourlong sorties to mark the end of the 35th Fighter Wing's fiscal 2004 flying program and more than 10,000 flight hours

The chief's first ride in a fighter and having his daughter re-en-list him made the day memora-

"I've been in the Air Force 26 years and have always wanted to fly in a fighter," he said. "To final-ly get the opportunity and then to be able to roll this in there, it just doesn't get any better than this."

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13 Royal Maces to fly **Super Hornets to Atsugi**

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY Stare and Strings

A lucky 13 Royal Maces will be flying what could be their longest mission as they pilot their brand-new Super Hornets from California to Atsugi

Naval Air Facility, Japan,

The squadron, also known as Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 27, is set to return to Japan on Thursday after four months' training on the new aircraft at Lemoore Naval Air Station, Calif. The retraining fol-

lowed a decision to trade the F/A-18C Hornets the squadron had been flying for more-powerful one F/A-18E Super Hornets. The jets cost \$57 million each, according to the U.S. Navy Fact File.

each, according to the U.S. Navy Fact File.

Flying back is the easiest and most efficient way to take delivery, said Lt. Cmdr. John Bernard, spokesman for the Kitty Hawk strike group, although it will be among the longest flights the aviators will make in the aircraft. During training, as well as bombing runs during war, missions typically last a few hours or less

How long it will take the aircraft to fly 5,475 air miles is unclear. It takes a commercial aircraft about eight hours. The Super Hornet's two engines deliver a top speed of more than Mach 1.8, according to GlobalSecurity.org, but the plane's increased fuel consumption when flying full throttle makes it unlikely it will travel at top speed.

The Navy declined to say when the jets are to leave California

Bernard said the aviators would land once at an undisclosed location to sleep. Also, at some points along the way, the Super Hornets will be refueled in the air from U.S. Air Force tankers.

"To get that far, you've got to get a lot of gas," Bernard said. "You have to go to the big gas station, which is the Air Force." The aviators will land at Atsugi "in waves" every

few minutes, be greeted by Air Wing officials and re-unite with their families. In all, some 200 aviators and support crew spent time in California to learn to fly or fix the aircraft,

said Brian Naranio. Atsugi spokesman. This will be the second squadron of Super Hor-nets in Carrier Air Wing 5, which flies from the deck of the USS Kitty Hawk when deployed. Last fall, the first Super Hornets - two-seaters -- arrived, replacing a squadron of F-14 Tomcats and their aviators The Tomcats, though beautiful and widely loved, were being decommissioned.

"The transition to the Super Hornet is part of a

long-range plan to replace current forward-de-ployed naval forces units with newer, more capable aircraft," stated a Navy release. "The Super Hornet is fully capable of conducting both air-to-air and

is tuny capabie of conducting both an-to-air and air-to-ground combat and support missions." The Super Hornet, the Navy's newest strike fight-er, is 25 percent larger than its predecessor, offers increased range, greater endurance, more-powerful engines and can carry more payload, according to the Navy.

can serve as an aerial tanker, fueling other Super Hornets, according to various reports. That will mean increased efficacy during operations because the fighter-bombers won't have to wait for the older, slower planes that traditionally have served

In Carrier Air Wing 5, that was the S-3B Viking, flown by the Fighting Redtails of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 2. Originally designed for anti-submarine warfare during the Cold War, the Viking lost some of its macho image when it was reconfigured to pri-marily provide fuel. But now the Viking, nicknamed "the Hoover" be-

cause it sounds like a vacuum cleaner, is being phased out of the Navy within the next five years, according to news reports. The Fighting Redtails are to be decommissioned sometime in the next few

months.

"There is no plan right now to put another squadron in their place," Bernard said, "because the capabilities they have are incorporated into the Super

And because the fighter/bomber jets no longer will have to wait for their tanker to arrive, they'll be able to fly farther, faster. That, Bernard said, means better service

The air wing still has two squadrons of Hornets.
The Royal Maces left the Kitty Hawk in May, flying their Hornets to California. That they were re-training to fly Super Hornets was an open secret for some time; it even was posted on a Navy Web site. But the Navy, concerned about necessary protocols with Japan, did not officially release the news until last month.

The Super Hornets can be a somewhat touchy sub ject because their added power means increased

pect occause their added power means increased noise, and Atsugi Naval Air Facility, once remote, now sits in the middle of a populous area. The Navy has tried to ameliorate noise from air-craft operations by doing as much practice as is pos-sible on the remote island of Iwo Jima.

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Change of command

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan - Rear Adm. Gary R. Jones is to pass command of Amphibious Group One to Capt. Victor Guillory during a ceremony Friday at White Beach Naval Facility, Okinawa.

White Beach is the command and control staff headquarters for Essex Amphibi-ous Ready Group's Task Force 76. The ARG ships operate from Sasebo Naval Base. Guillory also will serve as commander. Amphibious Force U.S. Seventh Fleet and commander, Task Force 76

Guillory comes to Japan from the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, where he was branch head for warfare systems. He will be promoted to rear admiral for his new post, according to information provid-

ed by Amphibious Group One. Guillory served as operations officer on the USS Vincennes; executive officer of the USS Gettysburg; commanding officer of the USS Underwood and commanding

officer of the USS Lake Chaplain. Jones, who commanded the group for 15

months, will take command of the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Seventh Fleet commander Vice Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert is to be Friday's

Truman Bay sewage spill

guest speaker.

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan -Now there's one more reason not to go swimming in Truman Bay: Officials estimate some 1.000 gallons of raw sewage went into the bay Sunday, after a sewage line rup-tured on one of the base piers.

The runture, near a shore-side flange located on the floating pier containing berths 10 and 11, was noticed at about 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, Yokosuka Naval Base officials said. They said the line was "immediately seand that "appropriate containment, clean-up and remediation actions" were taken. Japanese officials were notified, they said, and the break has been repaired.

Mike Chase, base spokesman said the estimate of the spilled sewage was just that, an estimate, based on "the amount of time, flow, etc." Chase said the cause of the rupture was being investigated.

The rupture occurred in the berth system, which connects to the base-wide sys-

Thunderbirds at Misawa

tem of sewage pipes.

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan - Weather permitting, the Thunderbirds perform at Misawa on Thursday in a show open only distinguished guests and those with access to the base

The U.S. Air Force Demonstration Squadon is performing here as part of its 2004 Pacific tour and in celebration of the Japan Air Self Defense Force's 50th anniversary. On Thursday, the flightline opens at 1 p.m.
The show is to start at 1:30 p.m. with a
JASDF F-2 demonstration. The Thunderbirds are to hold a ground demonstration at 2:30 p.m. and the air show at 3 p.m.

Food, beverages and Thunderbird memorabilia will be available at the show, and demonstration team members will sign au-

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tographs after their performance. The team, based at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., last visited Misawa in 1994.

Two shuttles running from the North Area and main base exchange will take peo-ple to the flightline from 12:15 to 5 p.m., with a break in shuttle service during the air show. Parking near the flightline will be limited. Falcon Drive near the west end of the runway will be closed from 2:55 p.m. to

4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. For more information about the Thunderbirds, visit their Web site at www.airforce com/thunderbirds/

Yokota gate changes

Yokota Air Base, Japan, announced gate changes to ease traffic congestion during peak times

The supply gate now will be open until 6:30 p.m., and the South gate will be open to inbound traffic from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and to outbound traffic from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

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Blogs becoming public letters home from Iraq

BY ELLEN SIMON The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Spc. Colby Buzzell's squad was on a mission in a poor neighborhood in Mosul when two Iraqi boys ran up carrying old artillery shells. "Give me dollar!" they said

Another came carrying bullets and demanding money.

"Then, all of a sudden, this really skinny Iraqi kid comes running up to us with a f—— HAND GRE-NADE in his hand," Buzzell wrote on his war blog. "'Drop the hand grenade! Drop it now! We all started yelling. The little kid, still with this proud smile on his face that said, 'Look what I just found' just dropped the grenade on the ground, and walked over to my squad leader and said, 'Give me money!'

The grenade didn't go off.

The squad leader explained to his men that an Army division that had been in the area earlier had paid children for weapons or unexploded ordnance

For Buzzell, it was grist for his war diary. http://cbftw.blogspot.com, whose fans range from soccer moms and truck drivers to punk band leader Jello Biafra Before the counter dropped off the site, says Buzzell, he was getting 5,000 hits

Iraq war blogs are as varied as the soldiers who write them.

Some sites feature practical news, pictures and advice. Some are overtly political, with more slanting to the right than the left Some question the war, some cheer it

Buzzell and a handful of others write unvarnished war reporting.

A few of these blogs have been shut down, and Buzzell, an infantryman in an Army Stryker brigade, says he was banned from missions for five days because of the blog and has stopped adding new narrative entries

Sean Dustman, a 32-year-old Navy corpsman from Prescott, Ariz, started writing his blog http://docinthebox.blogspot.com, after reading other war blogs

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"I was entranced with their sto ries." said Dustman, who recently returned from six months in Iraq. "This was where the real news that mattered to me was coming from, unlike what you saw through the regular media. Reading them (the blogs) helped me and my Marines

prepare for the trip." Dustman started a photo blog where he'd post pictures of his unit. Relatives visited religiously and let him know with instant feedback when he wasn't getting new pictures up fast enough. One comment: "Where

Other bloggers encouraged him to write more than photo captions, so he did.

In April, Dustman wrote about flying over Baghdad, "At night there's hardly a flight that there's not someone shooting at you.

They can't see the aircraft (hopefully), but as soon as they hear one coming, they come out and shoot into the air. Mainly they're hoping to get a lucky shot in. A tracer flies by a window and we're banking and rolling, which is kinda like gambling, they can't see us, we can't see them either, a great game of Battleship in the

Leaving Iraq, he gave a litany of advice for soldiers heading

"The biggest way to save money on a trip to Iraq is to have quality battery charger," began. Later, he wrote, "Be nice to everyone. Remember, everyone is armed ..

While some military bloggers (or milbloggers) say their commanders have encouraged their online literary ventures, a few say their commanders have shut them

Jason Hartley called his blog 'Just Another Soldier" and wrote unflinchingly about everything from his buddies' families to the conditions on base.

"I think I've been duped," he wrote from a base in October 2003, while his unit was preparing to go to Iraq. "I'm not actually at a modern US military installation, but Sing Sing, circa 1940."

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"My commander had a meltdown when he discovered it.' Hartley, a sergeant in the New York National Guard, said of his blog in an instant message. "He demanded I take it down

The Pentagon has "no specific guidelines on blogging per se, said Cheryl Irwin, a Defense Department spokeswoman. "Generally, they can do it if they are writing their blogs not on government time and not on a government computer. They have every right under the First Amendment to say any darn thing they want to say unless they reveal classified information, and then it becomes

an issue as a security violation." Military bloggers say they're careful not to reveal any information that would be useful to ene-

mies "Nowhere does either blog say where I was or give out full names of anybody but myself," Dustman said.

Dustman also said, "Most people do have their minds made up about the war, but bloggers let them know that we're human too, just like them. We're the best way for the public to take a pulse on how we're handling the situation."





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Choe Su Hon, North Korea's vice foreign minister, speaks to reporters at the office of his U.N. mission in New York on Monday.

North Korea says it has added to nuclear arsenal

BY EDITH M. LEDERER The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - North Korea says it has turned the plutonium from 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods into nuclear weapons to serve as a deterrent against increasing U.S. nuclear threats and to prevent a nuclear war in northeast Asia.

Warning that the danger of war on the Korean Peninsula "is snowballing," Vice Foreign Minister Choe Su Hon provided details Monday of the nuclear deterrent that he said North Korea has develoned for self-defense.

He told the U.N. General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting that Pyongyang had "no other op

tion but to possess a nuclear deter rent" because of U.S. policies that he claimed were designed to "eliminate" North Korea and make it "a target of preemptive nuclear strikes."

"Our deterrent is, in all its in-tents and purposes, the self-defensive means to cope with the ever increasing U.S. nuclear threats and further, prevent a nuclear war in northeast Asia," he told a news conference after his speech

In Washington, a State Depart-ment official noted that Secretary of State Colin Powell has said repeatedly that the United States has no plans to attack the communist country

But in his General Assembly speech and at the news conference with a small group of report-ers, Choe blamed the United States for intensifying threats to attack the communist nation and destroying the basis for negotiations to resolve the dispute over Pyongyang's nuclear program.

Nonetheless, he said, North Korea still is ready to dismantle its nuclear program if Washington abandons its "hostile policy" and

is prepared to coexist peacefully.

At the moment, however, he said "the ever intensifying U.S. hostile policy and the clandestine nuclear-related experiments re-cently revealed in South Korea are constituting big stumbling blocks" and make it impossible for North Korea to participate in the continuation of six-nation talks on its nuclear program.

North Korea said earlier this year that it had reprocessed the 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods and was increasing its "nuclear deterrent" but did not provide any de-

Choe was asked at the news conference what was included in the nuclear deterrent.

We have already made clear that we have already reprocessed 8,000 wasted fuel rods and trans-formed them into arms," he said, without elaborating on the kinds or numbers

When asked if the fuel had been turned into actual weapons, not just weapons-grade material, Choe said, "We declared that we weaponized this.

South Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Soo-hyuck said in late April that it was estimated that eight nuclear bombs could be made if all 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods were reprocessed.

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Saudis to boost oil production capacity

By Abdullah Al-Shihri
The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, will raise its production capacity by nearly 5 percent to 11 million barrels a day attempt to rein in pricat that topped \$50 a barrel for the first time, the oil ministry said

By increasing capacity, Saudi Arabia will be able to raise production when it wants. A Saudi oil ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the kingdom would increase production, "depending on demand."

Oil Minister Ali Naimi announced that the capacity increase would come into effect in the next few weeks, using fields where production has

just begun.
"The fields of Abu Safa and al-Qatif, which have just start-del production, will be used to increase the kingdom's production capacity in the coming few weeks to 11 million barrels per day." Naimi said in a statement. Its current production capacity is 10.5 million barrels a day and it has been producing about 9.5 million barrels a day.

Producers have been seeking ways to calm markets after an announcement two weeks ago that the OPEC cartel would boost its production target by I million barrels a day beginning in November failed to bring down prices.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi said last mouth that his country was willing to provide an extra 1.3 million barrels of oil a day to the world market if required to do so. There has, however, been some concern about whether Saudi Arabia has the excess capacity to significantly boost production.

Word of the decision came as crude oil topped \$50 per barrel on Tuesday, pushing past the psychological milestone for the first time.

Traders bid oil over SS0 a barrel in Asian trading after the November crude contract settled at a 21-year high of \$49.64 on Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange in reaction to the slow recovery of U.S. oil production that was damaged by Hurricane Ivan and unrest and terrorism fears in key producers Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Nigeria.

By mid-afternoon in Asia, November crude contracts traded as high as \$50.47 per barrel, up 83 cents from Monday's settlement price in New York Later, crude was trading at \$50.02, up 38 cents, in electronic trading in advance of the Mymex opening on Tuesday.

The price of oil is up about 75 percent from a year ago and is already hurting airlines and other big oil consumers.

U.S.-backed mission takes aim at Abu Sayyaf leaders in Philippines

BY JIM GOMEZ
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — U.S.-backed forces have launched a major assault to capture or kill at least two Abu Sayyaf leaders wanted by Washington, sparking clashes that killed a Philippine marine and left an undetermined number of rebels dead, officials said Tues-

The assaults, which began Friday in the mountain jungles of Patikul on southern Jolo island, were aimed at Radulan Sahiron, his son Ismin and other Abu Sayyaf commanders who reportedly had planned to meet then last week, apparently to plot another terror strike, military sources said.

Army Brig. Gen. Agustin Dimaala, who was helping oversee the operations, confirmed that assaults were under way against Sahiron's group, about 580 miles south of Manila

One marine was killed and six others were injured, two while decials said.

There was no indication if Sahiron or his son, who are believed to have about 40 armed followers, had been killed in running gunbattles, officials said.

"We're optimistic," Dimaala said. "The operations are continuing and the troops are still in the mountain."

U.S. forces provided training and equipment to Filipino troops involved in the assaults, but were not involved in actual combat, Dimaala said, refusing to give further details.

Night-vision goggles provided

by the Americans allowed Filipino troops to locate and engage the rebels late Monday, another official said.

American help in the assaults indicates Washington's continu-

indicates Washington's continuing desire to help the Philippines crush remnants of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf in the southern Mindanao region despite a high-profile spat in July over President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's decision to withdraw

kidnapped Filipino.

cerned over the reported presence of secret terror training camps in Mindanao maintained by Jemaah Islamiyah, al-Qaida's Southeast Asian ally that has been blamed for deadly bombings and plots in the region.

Sahiron, a one-armed, horse-riding Abu Sayyaf commander based in Patikul, and his son, who also has lost an arm, are on a U.S. Defense Department list of wanted terrorists. Philippine authorities have linked them to a number of kidnappings, including the April 2000 abduction of 21 Western tourists and Asian workers from neighboring Malaysia.

The hostages were freed after the payment of a ransom.

Sahiron allegedly planned to meet one or more Abu Sayyaf commanders last week in Patikul, apparently to plan another terror strike, prompting the marines and army to undertake surveillance and assaults, one military officer said.

Greek airliner diverted

SHANNON, Ireland — A Greek airliner bound for New York made an emergency landing at an airport in Ireland on Tuesday because of a bomb threat — the second such incident involving the airline in three days.

The Olympic Airlines plane, carrying 295 passengers and 12 crew from Athens to New York, landed safely at Shannon Airport shortly after 5 p.m. local time, Ireland's airport operating company Aer Rianta said.

Aer Rianta said.

A spokeswoman for Aer Rianta
said passengers were being evacuated from the plane and would
be taken to a secure area for questioning. The plane was being
searched in a remote section of
the airport.

Paternity tests on rise

BEIJING — Requests for paternity tests are surging in Beijing as suspicious husbands check on their wives' faithfulness at a time of rapidly shifting sexual attitudes, a government news agency reported Tuesday.

The number of DNA tests on in-

The number of DNA tests on infants at Chaoyang Hospital, a major hospital in the Chinese capital, have jumped up 20 percent over the past year to 200 as of mid-September, China News Service reported.

Other Beijing clinics report a similar increase, the report said.

Tracking Japan students

TOKYO — Cutting class just got harder but schools are safer thanks to computer chips that help track students, Japanese officials say.

Some schools here this month began trial runs in which students carry chips that have tiny antennae and can be traced by radio, with some of the kids attaching the tags to their backpacks.

The chips send signals to receivers at school gates. A computer in the system shows when a student enters or leaves.

School officials say rising concerns about student safety prompted the idea.

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From wire services

11 more militants arrested

Captures in Pakistan follow killing of kev al-Qaida operative

BY MUNIR AHMAD

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani security forces have arrested at least 11 suspected Islamic militants in raids across the country since the killing of a key al-Qaida operative over the weekend, an intelligence official said Tuesday.

Interior Minister Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao said security forces were seeking to "break (the) network" connected to the slain militant, Amjad Hussain Farvoqi, who he said had close contacts with al-Qaida leaders and was involved in "almost all major terrorist attacks in the recent years" in Pakistan.

Sherpao said those arrested so far linked to Farooqi. He would not say how many suspects had been rounded up or whether they included any major figures. And there was no indication any of those arrested were part of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's inner circle.

An intelligence official in Karachi, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 11 suspected Pakistami militants have been captured based on information yielded from interrogations of three suspects arrested during the shootout in which Farooqi was killed on Sumday.

Officials said at least one of the arrests was in Karachi — a hotbed of militancy in southern Pakistan. The man arrested was said to be a close associate of Farooqi's but was not identified. Two others were arrested in Rawalpinid, acity near the capital, Islamabad.

Sherpai said Farooqi was involved in two assassination attempts on Pakistan's president and the 2002 beheading of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl

Bin Laden and his No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, are both believed hiding somewhere along the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Officials also have confirmed four arrests in towns in southern Sindh province on Monday, near the town of Nawabshah where Farooqi was killed.

A senior security official in Islamabad, speaking on condition of anonymity, said raids were being conducted across the country to capture more terrorists, including in Punjab, Sindh and North West Frontier Province and more arrests are expected.

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In new violence Tuesday, a
land mine planted by militants exploded in Pakistan's South
Waziristan tribal region, killing
two soldiers and wounding four
others, the military said. Pakistani forces have carried out a series of military operations in the
area, near the border with Afghanistan,
against
al-Oaida-linked militants and

their local supporters.

Also, a homemade bomb exploded in a street in the southwestern city of Quetta, killing one man and injuring seven other people, police said. The bomb was planted on a bicycla and went off by the side of a road in a neighborhood where government offices and schools are lo-

cated, said Rehmatullah Niazi, a

senior Quetta police official. A

passer-by was killed.
Quetta, also near the Afghan
border, has seen a string of bombings in recent years, most unsolved. Islamic militants and ethnic-based nationalist groups, who
demand greater profits on earnings from resources extracted in
the province, are suspected in
some of the violence.



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Floridians begin another massive cleanup

BY DEBORAH HASTINGS The Associated Press

FORT PIERCE Fla - Floridians were again settling into the discomforts of a post-hurricane reality: lines for hags of ice or a hot meal, damaged homes that will take months to repair, and stifling heat and darkness amid widespread power outages

Hurricane Jeanne, the fourth storm to hammer the state in six weeks, has left behind a trail of death, destruction and frustration.

"We're weary. We're tired. We have been doing this for more than 30 days," said Jay Clark, owner of CYS Yacht Management and Sales in Fort Pierce. "Preparation, then cleanup. Preparation, then clean-

Tom Gallagher, Florida's top insurance regulator, believes Jeanne added \$6 billion in insured losses to nearly \$12 billion estimated from Charley, Frances and Ivan, for a total that beats the \$15 billion tally from Hurricane Andrew in 1992, the world's costliest natural disaster at the time. At least 79 people have been killed by the four storms in Florida

He noted his estimate of private

not include a high rate of flood damage, which is covered by a federal program

Remnants of Hurricane Jeanne blew through southwest Virginia early Tuesday bringing storms that dumped 12 inches of rain in Patrick County, washing a woman from her mobile home, and turning roads into rivers throughout the region.

The victim's body was recovered downstream from her home, which had been washed off its foundation by flood waters. Patrick County Sheriff David Hubbard said.

Jeanne killed at least six people in Florida during the weekend, bearing down upon the state with winds of 120 mph. Two others died in South Carolina as the remnants moved through late Monday. The havoc caused by the four hurricanes have prompted the largest re-lief effort ever undertaken by the Federal Emergency Management

President Bush asked Congress late Monday for more than \$7.1 billion to help Florida and other Southeastern states recover. His third request for additional storm aid brings total possible funds to at



Postal carrier Terry Handy retrieves mail Monday at a box along a flooded sidewalk in the San Marco section of Jacksonville, Fla., in the aftermath of Hurricane Jeanne.

least \$12.2 billion

Meanwhile in Haiti, street gangsters are holding up aid convoys, crashing food distributions, breaking into homes to steal food and shooting anyone who gets in their way, subjecting tens of thousands weary storm survivors to life-threatening delays in getting food and water

failure U.S.-backed government to disarm the gangs, including the Cannibal Army that started the revolution that ousted Jean-Bertrand Aristide, has created a climate of insecurity that jeopardizes lives in the calamity visited on Gonaives by Ivan disrupts PCS

Damage caused by Hurri-cane Ivan three weeks ago prompted Navy officials to tem-porarily halt all sailors' PCS transfers to Pensacola, Fla. region. Sailors with orders to NAS Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, Corry Station or Saufley Field won't be able to move to the region until after Oct. 31,

according to a news release. Transfers were suspended as of Sept. 14.

Transferring sailors must remain in contact with detailers for updates. Detailers' phone numbers can be found at numbers can be found at www.persnet.navy.mil/phone-book/pers4.pdf. Sailors also can receive updates by calling (866) U-ASK-NPC, or (866) 827-5672. More information is listed in NAVADMIN 215/04, which soon will be available atwww.bupers.navy.mil/navad-

From staff reports

Tropical Storm Jeanne.

Officials say more than 1.500 people died in the storm and some 900 are missing. Many must soon be presumed dead - washed out to sea or buried in collapsed houses.

Earthquake hits central California

PARKFIELD, Calif. - A moderate earthquake struck Central California on Tuesday that was felt from San Francisco to the Los Angeles area. There was no immediate report of injuries

The quake, which struck at 10:15 a.m. PDT, had a preliminary magnitude of 5.9 and was centered 9 miles south of Parkfield, according to the U.S. Geo-

logical Survey. The area is 17 miles northeast of Paso Robles, scene of an earthquake that killed two people in December.

A series of aftershocks quickly rattled the area, one with a preliminary 5.0 magnitude four minutes after the main earthquake and three others 4.1 or above

Paso Robles police said there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries

on the walls and the chandelier was swinging. It didn't do any damage to our house. There were two shakers, one right after the other," said Ben Brown, who lives in Paso Robles

The quake was felt along a 350-mile stretch, as far north as San Francisco and as far south as Santa Ana, southeast of Los Angeles, the geological survey said

FBI has backlog of untranslated terror intercepts, audit finds

BY CURT ANDERSON The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Despite major increases in money and personnel, the FBI is still failing to translate many al-Qaida sur veillance recordings in a timely manner and faces a giant back-log of untranslated material from terrorism and espionage investigations, a new Justice Department audit shows.

The report released Monday by Glenn A. Fine, the department's inspector general, found more than one-third of al-Qaida intercepts authorized by a se cret federal court were not reviewed within 12 hours of collection, as required by FBI Director Robert Mueller.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 123,000 hours of audio in

languages associated with ter-rorists still had not been reviewed as of April 2004, the audit found. In addition, more than 370,000 hours of audio associated with counterintelligence had not been reviewed.

This backlog existed even though money for the FBI's language services had incre from \$21.5 million in fiscal 2001 to about \$70 million. The number of linguists had risen from 883 to 1,214 over that period, the audit found, while electronic surveillance collection in key

languages such as Arabic and Pashto has risen 45 percent. FBI critics on Capitol Hill said the audit indicates that the bureau's translation capabilities

are far from adequate.

"It doesn't do anyone any

good for the FBI to have the terrorists' attack plans in its hands but still not be able to see or hear what the plans are," said Senator Charles Grassley, a Republican from Iowa and a senior member of the Senate Judiciary Committee

The audit was completed in July in classified form. The ver-sion released Monday was editas "secret" by the FBI.

The FBI also is not meeting

Mueller's requirement that all al-Qaida communications collected under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act be reviewed within 12 hours of interception.

During April 2004, the audit found, 36 percent of such communications authorized by the secret FISA court were not even received at FBI headquarters within 12 hours.

The audit found that the FBI still lacks language personnel necessary to do all the needed necessary to do all the needed translation work, and limita-tions in its technology, especial-ly computer storage capacity, also cause problems that lead to backlogs.

"Three years after the worst terrorist attack on American soil, the overall effectiveness of a major investigative tool in our a major investigative tool in our anti-terrorism arsenal is still in doubt," said Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont, senior Demo-crat on the Senate Judiciary Committee. "The Justice Department's translation mess has become a chronic problem that has obvious implications for our national security."



New \$50 bills hit the street

By JEANNINE AVERSA The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A new \$50 bill with touches of red. blue and vellow hit the streets Tuesday and a new \$10 bill is in the works.

It would be the third greenback to get colorized to cut back on

counterfeiting. The new \$50s soon will be showing up at banks, cash registers and wallets. Government officials used one of the new \$50s on Tuesday morning to buy a \$45 U.S. flag, which came in a box, at a shop in Union Station. Old \$50 bills will continue to be accepted and recirculated until they wear out

As for plans for the new \$10 bill. Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first treasury secretary, is expected to stay on the front, with the Treasury Department remain ing on the back, Thomas Fergu-son, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, said in an in-

Various efforts have emerged to put former President Ronald Reagan on the nation's currency, on the \$10 bill or the \$20 bill, or possibly the dime. However, thus far, they have gone nowhere

The new \$10 bill is expected to be unveiled this spring and put into circulation in fall 2005. That last time the note got a new look was in 2000, when Hamilton's portrait became oversized and moved slightly off center.

"As with the \$50 and the \$20.

Grant gets a makeover

The U.S. government continues its changes to U.S. currency intended to thwart counterfeiting - with a new look for the \$50 bill.

Security thread: A plastic strip embedded in the paper with "USA 50" written on it; glows yellow under ultraviolet light

second image of Ulysses S. Grant is seen when the bill is held up to light



Microprinting: Yellow "50s" scattered around the back of the note

SOURCE: Bureau of Engraving and Printing

there will be subtle background tones and tints. They will be different from those used on the

other two so each of the notes will start to be even more distinctive and easier for people to differenti-ate quickly," Ferguson said. He wouldn't say what the colors on the new \$10 would be.

Colors for the redesigned notes vary by denomination.

After the \$10 makeover comes the \$100 bill, the most counterfeited note outside the United States,

The new bills went into circulation Tuesday.

Watermark: A faint



Ferguson said. The \$5 bill won't get a new look, and neither will the \$1 and \$2 notes, he said.

A new \$100 note was supposed to follow the new \$50, but that changed because the bureau is considering additional security features for the \$100 bill. A timetable for a new \$100 bill hasn't been set.

The colorizing project is part of a broader effort to make the bills harder to counterfeit, especially against the backdrop of readily available digital technology

Three wounded in shooting at day-care center

DETROIT - A man opened fire at an in-home day-care center Tuesday, critically wounding three people including a 3-year-old, officials said

Police initially reported a fatality, but Chief Ella Bully-Cum-mings said at midday that two adults and a child were critically wounded.

A 7-month-old also was injured, possibly from being dropped,

and was taken to a hospital, Bully-Cummings said. Police were searching for the shooter, who they said came to the

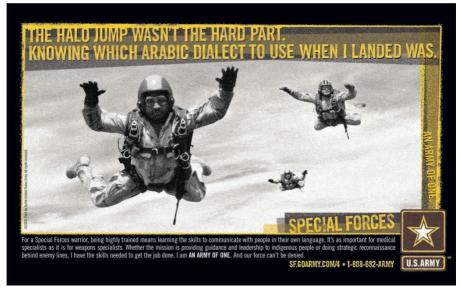
door of the house on the city's northwest side, exchanged words with someone, entered and opened fire. "It appears as though this was not random," Bully-Cummings

were taken to a hospital as a precaution, she said.

Two other children who did not appear to have been injured also

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Poll shows Bush has solid lead over Kerry

BY DAN BALZ AND VANESSA WILLIAMS

The Washington Post WASHINGTON - President Bush heads into the first presidential debate with a solid lead over John Kerry, boosted by the perception that he is a stronger leader with a clearer vision, despite deep concerns about Iraq and the pace of the economic recovery, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News Poll and interviews with vot-

ers in battleground states. Bush's relentless attacks on Kerry have badly damaged the Democratic nominee, the survey and interviews showed. Voters rou-Kerry

tinely describe wishy-washy, as a flip-flopper and as a candidate they are not sure they can trust, almost as if they are reading from Bush campaign ad scripts. But Kerry's problems are also partly of his own making. Despite repeated efforts to flesh out his proposals on Iraq, terrorism and other issues, he has yet to break through to undecided voters as someone who has clear plans

for fixing the country's biggest

Bush remains a polarizing figure, strongly admired by his supporters and despised by partisans on the left. Some swing voters who disagree with his policies nonetheless see him as a confident leader and express reluctance to vote him out of office in the middle of the struggle against terrorism, unless Kerry convinces them that he can do a better job.

Among those voters who dislike Bush's policies and are still makdential debates may offer Kerry his last opportunity to show them that he has what they are looking

Americans remain deeply divided over Bush's presidency. As many are dissatisfied with the direction of the country as are satisfied (49 percent each), according to the Post-ABC poll, and overall those surveyed give the president identical negative marks on his handling of Iraq and the economy.

Forty-seven percent approve of

for in a president.

my and on Iraq, with 50 percent saying they disapprove. Only on his handling of terrorism does Bush receive strongly positive marks, with 59 percent approving and 38 percent disapproving.

Bush's overall approval rating tands at 50 percent in the poll.

The poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 23 to 26 among 1.204 randomly selected adults nationwide, including 969 self-identified registered voters. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points.

New ads attack on personal views of Iraq war

By HOWARD KURTZ

The Washington Post

President Bush accused John F. Kerry on Monday of not knowing "where he stands" on Iraq in a new television ad that splices together footage of seemingly contradictory Kerry comments on the war.

Some of the statements are taken out of context, however, discarding Kerry's criticism of the war and using only phrases in which he was supportive of the administra-

Six hours later, the Democratic presidential nominee released a counterattack spot, charging that the president "still doesn't get it" on Iraq and "has no plan" for quelling the violence there. And in a ratcheting up of the rhetoric, allies of both candidates are running attack ads featuring Osama bin Laden

And Tuesday, Bush released a second ad accusing "John Kerry and Congression-al liberals" of "putting our protection at

"Strength builds peace. Weakness invites those who do us harm," the ad says, a suggestion that Kerry would be a weak leader in wartime and a country headed by him would be vulnerable to terrorist at-

The ad accuses Kerry of "refusing to support our troops in combat" and trying to severely slash intelligence budgets and eliminate military weapons after the first attack on the World Trade Center

Responding to the new ad, Kerry's campaign accused the Bush campaign of 'using the politics of fear" to mask the president's "mistakes in Iraq."

The escalating exchanges mark an increasingly personal debate before Thursday's first presidential debate, which will be devoted to foreign policy. In an airwaves battle that erupted over the weekend, an independent conservative group stamped Kerry as weak on terrorists such as bin Laden while the senator accused the Bush campaign of "un-American" tactics.

The Bush ad shows Kerry making varius televised comments: "It was the right decision to disarm Saddam Hussein, and when the president made the decision, I supported him."

"It's the wrong war, in the wrong place, at the wrong time."

"I have always said we may yet even find weapons of mass destruction." A graphic asks: "How can John Kerry protect us when he doesn't even know where

In its response ad late Monday, the Kerry camp recycled a famous line from Ronald Reagan in 1980: "There he goes again. George Bush said Iraq was 'mission accomplished.' Sixteen months later, he still doesn't get it. Today: over 1,000 U.S. soldiers dead, kidnappings, even beheadings of Americans. Still Bush has no plan what to do in Iraq. How can you solve a problem when you can't see it?"

Gen. Myers encourages voting

The U.S. military's top man in uniform wants you to exercise your right and privi-

lege by voting in this year's elections.

U.S. Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is telling fellow servicemembers that "[a]s members of the armed forces, we each have a responsibility to take part in determining our nation's leadership.

"In this election year, you - our men and women in uniform — are stationed around the globe serving our Nation and defending democracy. We have both the responsibility and the privilege to participate in our democracy by exercising our fundamental right to

vote," Myers said in his 2004 voting message. "The 2004 elections will determine our choice for president and vice president, 34 senators, the entire House of Representatives, and 13 governors, as well as thousands of local officials," Myers wrote. "I urge each of you to participate, starting with the primaries already under way and continuing through the general election on Nov. 2. "Recent elections have demonstrated the

importance of every absentee ballot. Your vote does count!'

Bush hoping to solve Iran nuke crisis 'diplomatically'

BY SCOTT LINDLAW

The Associated Press

WACO, Texas - President Bush, preparing for this week's much-anticipated campaign de-bate on foreign policy, is insisting Iran will not develop a nuclear weapon on his watch. "My hope is that we can solve

this diplomatically," Bush said in a TV interview broadcast Monday. "We are working our hearts out so that they don't de velop a nuclear weapon, and the best way to do so is to continue to keep international pressure on them."

Pressed on whether he would llow Iran to build a bomb, Bush said: "No, we've made it clear, our position is that they won't have a nuclear weapon."

Bush's comments on News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" did not mark new poli-cy. In June 2003, Bush said that "the international community must come together to make it very clear to Iran that we will not tolerate the construction of a nuclear weapon. But Bush has not spoken out

so forcefully on the matter since signs emerged recently that Iran could be on the path toward developing a bomb

Iran defied rules set by 35 na-tions and announced it had start-

the gas needed for enrichment a process that can be used to ake nuclear weapons. While insisting its intentions are peace ful, Iran pledged to continue even if it means a rupture with U.N. monitors and an end to inections of its nuclear facili-

Thursday's presidential de-bate centers on foreign policy, and Iran is likely to come up. Bush and his Democratic chal-lenger, Sen. John Kerry, have modest differences on how to

confront the issue. Kerry charges that Bush's Iraq policies "took our attention and our resources away" from dealing with Iran.

Kerry holds out some hope that a negotiated solution with Iran is possible. He said the United States and other nations should "call their bluff" by offer-ing nuclear fuel for peaceful purposes, then taking back the spent fuel so it can't be used for

If that process fails, the United States could try to ensure that the International Atomic Energy Agency takes the issue to the U.N. Security Council, where Iran could face sanctions.

In 2001, Bush called Iran part of an "axis of evil," along with Iraq and North Korea.



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Entrepreneur Richard Branson announced Monday that his Virgin company is planning commercial space flights beginning in 2007. A two-hour trip, including four minutes of weightlessness, will cost \$190,000.

British billionaire planning commercial space flights

BY PETER PAE Los Angeles Times

Richard Branson, the daredevil British billionaire and owner of Virgin Atlantic Airways, said Monday he was launching a commercial rocket service that would take well-heeled passengers for a suborbital ride into space.

The two-hour trip, including drinks and four minutes of weightlessness in space, is set to cost about \$190,000.

Branson, meanwhile, will spend \$100 million to buy five passenger rocket ships from Mojave, Calif.-based aviation designer Burt Rutan for his Virgin Galactic space tourism business. He expects to launch the first flight in 2007

"We hope to create thousands of astronauts over the next few years," Branson said, noting that he probably would be on the inaugural flight.

The spacecraft will hold five passengers, plus a pilot, and is to be modeled after Rutan's Space-In June, squid-shaped rocket, piloted by Mike Melvill, became the first privately funded vehicle to carry a person into space as it soared to 328,941 feet, about 62 miles above

Branson said his commercial flights would climb even higher to nearly 70 miles, about 10 times as high as regular commercial air-

line flights. Passengers will be able to see the sky turn pitch black and see Earth spanning a thousand miles in each direction.

He estimated that over five ears at least 3,000 people would pay the fare for what he called a trip of a lifetime, generating about \$600 million in revenue.

Some analysts questioned Branson's latest venture, though they lauded him for his marketing acu

"This is classic Richard Branson marketing, doing something really extreme and putting himself out there as innovator and forward thinker," said Frank Werner, a business professor at Fordham University. "But whether it will actually happen, no one knows."

Focus of grand Vietnam rescue mission dies at 85

Airman evaded capture for 111/2 days before SEAL team brought him home

BY DENNIS MCLELLAN Los Angeles Times

Iceal "Gene" Hambleton, a U.S. Air Force navigator who became the focus of the largest rescue operation for one man in Air Force history after his plane was shot down behind enemy lines during the Vietnam War, has died. He

Hambleton, a retired lieutenant colonel whose harrowing ordeal was chronicled in two books and was the basis for a 1988 movie starring Gene Hackman, died of pneu monia related to lung cancer Sept.

19 at Tucson Medical Center in
Tucson, Ariz., said his sister-in-law, Donna Cutsinger.

Assigned to an air base in Thai-land, Hambleton, a Rossville, Ill., native, was on his 63rd combat mission over Vietnam when his EB-66, an unarmed electronic jamming aircraft, was hit by a surface-to-air missile at 30,000 feet on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1972

The only member of the ix-man crew able to eject, the 53-year-old navigator spent the next 111/2 days evading capture.

Parachuting into Quang Tri province, just south of the demilitarized zone separating North and South Vietnam, Hambleton couldn't have chosen a worse time or place to drop in. The previously massive U.S

ground combat presence in South Vietnam was gone, the North Vietnamese Army had just launched a major offensive against the Army of the Republic of South Vietnam and more than 30,000 NVA troops equipped with tanks and heavy arwere moving through the area

A forward air controller pilot involved in the major U.S. air campaign in support of the belea guered South Vietnamese forces monitored Hambleton's descent, talking to him via his small emergency radio as he dropped into a dry rice paddy and took cover. Low-visibility ground fog ham-pered air search and rescue at-

tempts and at one point a large rescue helicopter was shot down and six airmen were killed. At another point, a forward air controller aircraft was shot down and both men bailed out; the pilot was captured, but 1st Lt. Mark N. Clark, the back-seat observer, now had to be rescued too.

Hambleton, who suffered shrapnel wounds when the rear of his plane exploded, kept in touch with U.S. forces with his emergency radio and directed numerous airstrikes against enemy supply lines.

Dropping a bomb from a plane is not an emotional experience, he told The (Syracuse) Post-Stan-dard in 1988. "I got on the ground [in Vietnam] and found out what war was. I was flying up there with a hot cup of coffee, cigarettes and in a clean uniform. On the ground, I had a few berries and four or five little [ears] of corn to

After the failed air-rescue attempts, it was decided that Navy SEAL Lt Thomas R Norris and a small team would infiltrate behind enemy lines and attempt to pick up Hambleton and Clark at the

nearby Cam Lo River.

Aware that North Vietnamese radio monitors understood English, the radio message from a for-ward air controller in the area told Clark, an Idaho native: "Get to the Snake, make like Esther Williams and float to Boston" - go to the river and swim east.

Rescue planners, who had discovered that Hambleton was one of the best golfers in the Air Force and had a vivid memory of the courses he had played, came up with a novel idea: guiding him to the river via a series of specific golf-course holes that had been provided by his golfing buddies. As Hambleton recalled in a 2001 interview with Golf Digest, the planners told him, "You're going planners told nim, "You're going to play 18 holes and you're going to get in the Suwannee and make like Esther Williams and Charlie the Tuna. The round starts on No. 1 at Tucson National.

Hambleton said it took him awhile to figure out they were giving him distance and direction: "No. 1 at Tucson National is 408 yards running southeast. wanted me to move southeast 400 yards. The 'course' would lead me

As recounted in William C Anderson's 1980 book "Bat-21," whose title comes from the call sign for Hambleton's aircraft and is the same title of the Hackman movie. Hambleton passed a seemingly deserted hooch on the eighth when a rooster suddenly emerged from the doorway — "food!" thought Hambleton, who would lose 45 pounds during his or deal.

But when he made a lunge for the bird in the darkness someone emerged from the hooch and slashed him in his left shoulder with a knife. In the ensuing tussle, Hambleton used his own knife to stab his Vietnamese assailant to

Once he reached the river, Ham-bleton told Golf Digest, "It was three days and three nights in the water and on the bank under thick trees. Then I saw this sampan with two men. A Vietnamese in front carried an AK-47 and I thought, 'This is it.' But the other guy dressed like a Vietnamese fisher man had these big, round, American eyes" — those of Norris.

The 11½-day search-and-rescue effort took a heavy toll, according to "The Rescue of Bat 21," a 1998 book by Darrell D. Whitcomb. Among the costs: 10 soldiers and airmen working or supporting the mission were killed, two men were captured but later released and several recovery team members were injured. In addition to a number of downed or damaged air-craft, more than 800 strike sorties. including B-52s, were flown in di-

rect support of the rescue.
"It was a hell of a price to pay for one life," Hambleton told The Associated Press at the time. "I'm

Experiments boost stem cell treatment prospects

BY RICK WEISS The Washington Pos

The prospect of using human embryonic stem cells to treat disease appears a small step closer as the result of two new experiments with the cells, which are mired in political controversy because they are derived from human embryos.

In one report released Sunday, researchers showed that the versatile cells can serve as "biological pacemakers," correcting faulty heart rhythms when injected into the failing hearts of pigs.

In another report, scientists demonstrated for the first time that stem cells can become a cell crucial to vision. Many doctors believe that several vision-destroying diseases could be fought by transplanting these cells directly into the eyes.

Human embryonic stem cells, derived from 5-day-old embryos, have the biological potential to morph into virtually all of the 200 or so kinds of cells in the body.

Researchers are racing to learn how to direct them to develop into specific types of cells that can be transplanted into failing organs. It is an approach that could launch a new era of regenerative medicine - but only if the cells prove capable of integrating into existing organs and functioning normally



Kerry's presidential bid lends fame to his garage band

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - This could finally be

the Electras' breakout year Rare vinyl copies of their lone 1961 recording are fetching prices north of \$2,000, even though the band tended to stray from the beat. Two separate CD versions of that same recording are being sold after some "Behind The Music"-style intra-band

squabbling. Of course, it's not musical chops that has renewed interest in this obscure garage rock recording; it's the bassist: Democratic

presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry.

up Chuck Miller, an Albany-based columnist for Goldmine magazine who recently bought a slightly scuffed copy of the vinyl

The Electras were formed in the fall of 1960 at St. Paul's School, a tony private boarding school in Concord, N.H. The band was named for a cool-looking Buick not the Greek mythological character and they played pre-Beatles standards by Eddie Cochran and the Ventures at local

The seven members, with help from their parents, put together about \$1,000 to produce their one album in 1961. In a base

school dances

phone, the teen rockers ripped through covers including "Summertime Blues" and Ya Ya

Careful listeners can pick out the steady thump of Kerry's bass - nothing fancy, though the liner notes credit him as the "producer of a pulsating rhythm."

Frankly, I think he and I were probably the best musicians in the band," said Electras pianist Jack Radcliffe, now a Boston-area newspaper editor who still performs as "Ragtime" Jack.

Kerry left the hand after high school although he reportedly strums the Spanish sical guitar on the campaign trail.

Of the 500 albums pressed, the few that have shown up on the market have sold for dealer for a less-than-mint copy that has the name of an old St. Paul's schoolmate inked on the cover. Another copy sold this vear for about \$2,500, to the amazement of

the old band members. "Somebody has to be crazy to pay any-thing like that for the album," said Larry Rand, the Electras' lead guitarist and vocal ist, better known as a constitutional law scholar and semiretired teacher in Con-

necticut Rand helped spearhead a remastering of the original tape now available through www.electrasrockandrollband.com \$14. He said the reissue was essentially done as a lark now that his old bandmate is



Should he stay or should he go?

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - In Kansas City. Mo., it's Kirk Black's job to answer for Dan Rather. The station manager of KCTV.

like his colleagues at many other CBS affiliates, is facing a flood of calls and e-mails from viewers angry at Dan Rather for relying on apparently fake documents to suggest President Bush's National Guard service record was less than stellar.

Whether Rather rides out this storm depends on many factors, including ratings, his specific culpability in the shaky Guard story, a potential successor and even perhaps, the results of a presiden-

The opinions of people like Black, whose stations give Rather his national platform, may be most crucial

For CBS, Rather's future a complicated question

"He's part of the face of my tele-vision station," Black said, "and people who aren't in the business, they don't separate my local anchors from him. They just see it as CBS. It's very difficult as you talk to viewers and try to explain what your position is and that you had nothing to do with what hap-

Viewers of WIVB-TV in Buffa lo, N.Y., are more understanding to a point. "My experience has been, (people say) 'It's not you guys, I know. It's those guys in New York. But isn't there any-thing you can do?" said Chris Musial, the interim station manag-

counted some 1.300 e-mails in the past week. Most are part of a national campaign tives who have hated him since he covered the Nixon White House. Starting late last week, a backlash campaign in support of Rather had started.

There are more than 200 CBS affiliates and 16 additional stations, mostly in big cities, that are owned and operated by CBS.

More than 1.000 radio stations

air CBS News.

So far two radio stations -Rather's hometown station Houston CBS radio affiliate KPRC and WNIS, a conservative talk-radio station in Norfolk, Va. — have dropped CBS News because of the controversy

It's very doubtful that any TV stations will try to switch affilia-tions, primarily because CBS is the prime-time ratings leader.

That doesn't mean there isn't deep concern over what's going on at CBS News

'If there are enough people who watch and choose to turn away from CBS News because of their opinions of Dan, that would potentially force CBS News' hand," said Gary Gardner, vice president and general manager of WINK-TV in Fort Myers, Fla.

Few station executives will pub licly speak ill of Rather, 72, out of respect for his long and distin-guished career as a newsman. They were heartened by CBS'

appointment of former U.S. Attornev General Dick Thornburgh retired Associated Press chief executive Louis Boccardi to investigate the Guard story and want to see the results.



Anchorman Dan Rather remains at the center of controversy.

Privately, there's considerable sentiment that "the time has passed" for change, as one manag-

"They need to phase Dan out in the most compassionate and ap-propriate way they can," said another executive

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'Stay tuned for Conan'

O'Brien to take over for Leno in 5 years

BY DAVID BAUDER The Associated Press

NEW YORK -Jay Leno's takeover as host of NBC's "Tonight" show in 1992 was fraught with drama and bad feelings, but he's assured the next transition will be as smooth as his nightly sign-off: "Stay tuned for Conan

The comedian and NBC on Monday chose the 50th anniversa-ry of the first "Tonight" show to et a special date for the 55th when Leno will step down and Conan O'Brien becomes the fifth

host of the tele vision institu-

Announcing a transition five years is odd for any busi-ness, let alone frethat plans

quently day-to-day, but NBC was anxious not to lose

O'Brien. The 41-year-old "Late Night" host was considered likely to jump to another network without a promise of advancement

Leno beat out David Letterman for the "Tonight" job, sparking a feud that lives on and was even the subject of a book and movie, The Late Shift

Leno recalled the animosity on his show Monday, saying "a lot of good friendships were permanently damaged."

'Ouite frankly. I don't want to see anybody go through that again," he said.

On his show Monday, Letter-nan wished O'Brien "all the best" and repeatedly mocked the idea of a 2009 changeo "I think he said he couldn't take

it another minute so he's leaving in 2009," Letterman said "I wonder if I can get a tape over there," Letterman added.

Responded his sidekick, Paul Shaffer: "It may be a little late." Leno also offered a warm tribute Monday to his immediate pre-decessor, Johnny Carson, showing a lengthy clip package of Carson's funniest moments. Leno was criticized when he took over for overlooking Carson's 30-year legacy

"Johnny set the standard for how this job should be done," Leno said. "Those of us who do this for a living, we all owe him a

this for a nying, we all owe min a tremendous debt."

Oprah Winfrey visited Leno's Burbank set Monday to bring in a cake decorated with a Mount Rushmore picture of the four "To hosts: Steve Allen, Jack Paar, Carson and Leno.

O'Brien's show, which immedi-

ately follows Leno on NBC was a rerun Monday. Shortly after he signed his latest contract ex-

tension. Leno said NBC executives proached him, saying they didn't want to O'Brien. lose

He endorsed the move and set his own 2009

exit date, when he'll be 59.

Leno's renowned workaholism also made the announcement sur and made the amount-enter sur-prising. He never missed a show until he had to, when NBC had him trade jobs for a day with Katie Couric in a promotional gimmick, and does live stand-up comedy dates when he's not work-

You can do these things until they carry you out on a stretcher or you can get out while you're still doing good," he said. "I'm not quitting show business, but I realized I'm not spending enough time with my cars."

For his first few years at "To-night," Leno trailed Letterman in ratings and critical respect. But Leno eclipsed Letterman's CBS show among viewers in the 1995-96 season and hasn't looked

O'Brien's previous contract was expiring this year. The last time he was up for a renewal, Fox tried to lure him with an earlier show. but O'Brien turned it down at the last minute.

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'Hot spots' can be limited for travelers

Wireless access still a challenge in airports, hotels

BY JAMES F. PELTZ AND JERRY HIRSCH Los Angeles Times

With all the hype about wireless access, business travelers may think they're never far from a high-speed Internet connection. The truth? Far from it.

"WiFi" stands for wireless fidelity, and the technology refers to users' ability to get a high-speed pipeline to the Web — with a laptop computer or personal digital assistant — without a cord.

Assistant — wintout a Curi.
Here's how it works: An Internet provider transmits an original broadband signal through wires to an access point in a bookstore, coffeehouse, hotel, airport, etc.

The signal is then relayed out in a radius of 300 feet, creating a "hot spot." That signal is available to anyone with a properly equipped laptop or PDA.

There also can be multiple hot spots next to one another, say, at an airport or hotel, so that WiFi is available throughout.

The number of hot spots is growing rapidly. Thousands of them exist at airports, hotels, bookstores and coffeehouses around the world.

Some people have established hot spots in their homes, so multi-



ple users can have wireless access. WiFi providers such as T-Mobile USA and SBC Communications are racing to add more

areas where travelers can log on. Some companies are selling devices that combine WiFi with a cellular phone. And WiFi is available at 30,000 feet. Lufthansa of fers WiFi on its Los Angeles-to-Munich, Germany, flights using a Boeing technology called Connexion Other carriers are expected to offer it in the coming months.

But on the ground, hot spots are still limited in size and can be, well, spotty.

A typical WiFi signal extends only 300 to 400 feet and can be found only in certain lounges or conference rooms in many airports and hotels. The user often has to search for the nearest hot spot and hope it's not too far away. (There are free software products such as T-Mobile's Connection Manager and Web sites, including

www.jiwire.com, that can find them for you.) "Like the name suggests, it's a

"Like the name suggests, it's a spot," said Shiv Bakhshi, mobile and WiFi director at IDC, a consulting firm in Framingham, Mass. "It's not ubiquitously available."

Many airports do not yet have WiFi throughout, including two of the busiest — Los Angeles International and Chicago's O'Hare. So business travelers waiting for a flight might not have access as they sit next to their airline's boarding gate.

They would have to walk to the nearest hot spot in the airport,

which may be inconvenient.

"We are hoping more of the airports decide they want to deploy WiFi," said Pete Thompson, a WiFi director at T-Mobile.

Andrew Jones, a scientist at the University of Southern California's Space Sciences Center who subscribes to T-Mobile's WiFi service, knows the problem. He often flies out of Los Angeles International's Terminal 1, which doesn't have WiFi access.

"Then you fly to somewhere like Logan [International Airport] in Boston, which is wired, but it has a different service carrier," Jones said. "So you either have to pay extra money or forgo the pleasure of checking your e-mail."

Even if a hot spot is available, employees may be blocked from entering their corporate Internet networks. Some companies have been slow to make access available because they're worried that current WiFi technology isn't sufficiently secure.

WiFi networks are more vulnerable than wired ones because the signals can be plucked from the air if hackers have the right equipment. But there are precautions —including encryption and passwords —that companies and individuals can employ to improve security, and newer WiFi products are being equipped with stiffer safeguards

The WiFi option has arrived at an awkward time for the hotel industry. Many chains are in the middle of outfitting their facilities with wired Internet connections. Now they must decide whether to add WiFi

Robert Machen, a vice president of Hilton Hotels Corp., calls it "a transition period between wired and wireless."

Some hotels offer only a wired connection; others have added WiFi service in public areas. At the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, for instance, it's not unusual to see someone reading e-mail by the pool.

But what about the business traveler who has just checked into a room at 10 p.m. after a long flight, wants to read e-mail before bed and is in no mood to walk back to the lobby for a WiFi connection?

Depending on the hotel, the room may or may not have WiFi access or even a wired Internet connection

"It just gets frustrating after a while," said Matthew Berger, an intellectual-property lawyer with Morrison & Foerster in Los Angeles who spends two weeks a month on the road. Berger estimates he's able to get a connection, either wired or with WiF1,75 percent of the time. Otherwise he does without.

Internet availability, both wired and wireless, is growing rapidly at hotels.

Berger and other U.S. hotel guests last year spent about \$1.30 million for either a wired or WiFi connection, and that figure is expected to triple this year, according to In-Stat/MDR, a technology research firm in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The firm said almost 3,000 North American hotels could handle either wired or WIFI Internet connections last year, and it expects that number to soar to 12,000 by 2008. That means about 1 in 4 domestic hotels would have

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296.45	243.26	Dow Jones Utilities	293,89	+.91	+.31	+10.11	+16.61
6.798.12	5,614,48	NYSE Composite	6,496,37	-35.00	54	+.87	+14.27
1.278.81	984.38	Amex Index	1,263,14	-1.83	14	+7.63	+27.73
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618.46	507.99	S&P MidCan	582.76	-5.74	98	+1.17	+13.33
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General Dynamics	1.44	18	99.14	62	+9.7
General Electric	.80	22	33.12	29	+6.9
Haliburton	.50		33.22	36	+27.8
Harris Corp.	.48	27	53.48	05	+40.9
Allied Signal	.75	22	35.09	25	+5.0
L-3 Communications	.40	21	65.63	+.22	+27.8
Lockheed Martin	1.00	21	54.64	+.28	+6.3
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Raytheon	.80	80	36.69	32	+22.1
Rockwell Intl.	.66	22	37.60	11	+5.6
Sequa Corp.	-	39	51.78	-5.02	+5.7
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AIM Investments A: ChartA p	11.95	08	+3
AIM Investments A: WeingA p	11.62	10	-3.8
Merrill Lynch I: BalCapl	26.59	09	+1.5
Scudder Funds S: Intl FdS	38.44	18	+.1
Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	15.36	12	-2.1
Lord Abbett A: DevGtA p	13.80	21	-8.0
Scudder Funds S: Income S	13.00	+.01	+4.1
Merrill Lynch I: USGvtMtg	10.32	+.01	+2.6
Scudder Funds S: Devel	17.17	22	-8.5
Putnam Funds A: GlGvA p	12.42	+.02	+1.5

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Sept. 29)108	nn
South Korean won (Sept. 25)1,119	nn
Euro (Sept. 28)\$1.2	100
British pound (Sept. 28)\$1	20
Commercial rates	.65
Bahrain (Dinar)0.3	277
British pound\$1.80	377
Canada (Dollar)1.27	711
Denmark (Krone)	514
Egypt (Pound)	201
Hong Kong (Dollar)7.79	307
Hungary (Forint)200	24
Iceland (Krona)71.1	115
Israel (Shekel)4.48	343
Japan (Yen)111	.26
Kuwait (Dinar)0.29	3.47
Norway (Krone)6.81	195
Philippines (Peso)56	45
Saudi Arabia (Rival) 3.79	501
Singapore (Dollar)1.69	108
South Korea (Won)1.149	30
Switzerland (Franc)1.26	502
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Prime rate4.75
Discount rate2.75
Federal funds market rate1.75
3-month bill1.71
30-year bond4.77
Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of
America Bloomherg.com

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Help with selling a home

BY CHUCK MYERS
Knight Ridder/Tribune

Selling a home can often prove as challenging as buying a new home. There are several steps involved. Some measures can help move the process along; others can improve the look and property value of a

home for sale.

These Web sites offer solid in-

content.realestateabc.com/ homeselling — contains advice on preparing a home for sale and pricing:

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tensive list of articles on topic. www.smartmoney.com/ home/selling/ — features articles on related topics.

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www.usaaedfoundation.org/

house/sh01.asp — background on how to sell your home yourself or with a real estate firm.

THURSDAY EVENING / SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

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6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	Pacific Report	Everybody Loves Raymond 'The Nice Talk' Ray and Pat bond.	Will & Grace Leo's ex has a past with Will. (CC)	The Bachelor (CC)	•	CSI: Crime Scene I and Loathing" Team dressed in a raccoo	finds a dead man	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	(CC)	Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:30) Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Aaahh! Real Mon- sters (CC)	The Weekenders	Yu-Gi-Oh! (CC)	Mucha Lucha (CC)
8	NEWS	60 Minutes II (CC)	(00)	The O'Reilly Facto	r (CC)	Good Morning Am	erica (CC)			Headline News	Channel One	The Early Show (C	C)
9	SPORTS	•(4:00) College Fo	otball Teams to Be	SportsCenter		MLB Baseball Tea	ams to Be Announce	d.		l .	l .	•ESPNews	ONFL Live
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10	SPEC	Lisa enrolls in dance school.	Raymond Ray calms neighbors.	are auctioned off at auction. (CC)		peals Lindsay's life : the Supreme Judicia	al Court.	saults aimed at Ame through computers.	(CC)	marries a Canadian ice dancer.	gives Elaine Indian statue. (CC)	(CC)	
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14	TMC	(:15) ★★% "Grandy	iew, U.S.A." (1984, E	Drama) Jamie Lee Cu her father's racetrad	rtis, C. Thomas	* "A Guy Thing" (2003, Romance-Con ir. A groom-to-be wa	nedy) Jason Lee, Ju-	(:45) ★★% "Barbers	shop" (2002, Comed	ly) Ice Cube, Anthony siders selling his est	Anderson, Cedric	★۱: "Sexual Preda- tor" (2001) Richard Grieco.
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25	SHOW	(4:45) *x "Larger Than Life" (2001) "NR"	* * "Windtalkers" must protect a Nava	(2002, Action) Nicola go code talker. 'R' (Cl	s Cage, Adam Beact C)			* "Equilibrium" (2	002, Science Fiction	Christian Bale, Emil government. 'R' (CC	y Watson, Taye Dig-	Boxing Montell Gr	iffin vs. Rico Hoye.
27	A&E	City Confidential A gets killed while tryi in trouble. (CC)	good Samaritan ng to help someone	American Justice Millionaire?" The mu millionaire. (CC)				ard Shift; Good Sama wife tells police that		The First 48 A pote double murder goes (N) (CC)		Crossing Jordan *i sci-fi author is found pects a vampire. (C)	dead, Nigel sus-
28	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Superstructures		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC	(:15) Maala-ala Mo	Kaya (In Tagalog)		(:45) Dong Puno Li	ve	Kumusta Kabayan		(:40) Masayang Tar	nghali Bayan	(:45) SQC Reload	(:10) SarahTeen Princess	(:35) Maid in Heaven
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (C	C)	CNNI World News	•World Sport	Business Internati	onal	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNNI World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business Interna- tional
31	GOLF	●U.S. Women's Op	en Highlights	Inside the PGA	●What's in the Bag?	 American Expres Highlights Tiger W 	s Championship	Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	•U.S. Women's Op	en Highlights
32	TLC	Clean Sweep "Med couple wants to clear their multipurpose n	ar the clutter from	In a Fix "Villa Oasis his partner David's plaziness. (CC)	Jeff is fed up with	Overhaulin' "4-4-Ni bile.		Repo Men: Stealin & Wild" Pulling a rep Aerosmith; motorbo	g for a Living "Wet no prank on the band ats.	Protect and Serve criminals will do just avoid going to jail. (I	about anything to	Overhaulin' "4-4-Ni bile.	ew" A 1968 Oldsmo-
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laborato- ry	Courage the Cow- ardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon (Cartoon shorts.	Scooby-Doo All Star Laff-A- Lympics	I Am Weasel	What a Cartoon Show	Scooby-Doo, When	e Are You!
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hun Elephants" Observir Indonesian elephan	ng the endangered	Most Extreme: Bite pire bats; the Komo		Amazing Animal V roos. (CC)	ideos Cute kanga-	Growing Up "Ora orangutans.	ngutan" Endangered	Animal Cops Hous tine" Skinny horses to the shelter. (CC)	ton 'Horse Quaran- bring a killer disease	Amazing Animal V roos. (CC)	deos Cute kanga-
36	сом	Trigger Happy TV Trip to the vet. (CC)	Reno 911! Dangle asks his colleagues for help.	The Daily Show Alec Baldwin. (CC)	Mad TV Margaret C		David Alan Grier, Adam Carolla.	Reno 911! The FBI comes to town. (CC)	boys embark on a quest. (CC)	The Graham Norto	n Effect (N) (CC)	The Daily Show Gwyneth Paltrow. (N) (CC)	Tough Crowd (N) (CC)
40	NGC-A	Demolition Squad "London"	"What're the Star"	Toyota World of Wildlife	Planet Wild	rhinoceros species	toward extinction.	Hot Science 'From ered crematorium.		The New Chimpan tions about chimpan	izees are revealed.	Innovation 'Brain F tific, ethical and lega ing brain fingerprint	Il questions regard- ng.
42	SPIKE	World's Wildest Po	lice Videos (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene I Drops' (CC)	nvestigation "Blood	CSI: Crime Scene "Anonymous" (CC)	Investigation	MXC "College Girls"	MXC	MXC "Hi Tech vs. Civil Service"	MXC "Network Boss"	MXC 'The Winter Sports Special'	V-Spot (Series Pre- miere) (N)
43	FOX	Fame "Mr. Wacky's a spot on a live tele invites Jesse to a ro		Blind Date Laid- back woman; neu- rotic man. (CC)	Blind Date A shy gal dates an inse- cure guy. (CC)	The O.C.: Obsess (CC)	Completely (N)	Totally Outra- geous Behavior (N) (CC)	The World's Crazi- est Videos (N) (CC)	The Fox Report Wi (CC)	th Shepard Smith	Cagney & Lacey A causes Chris' father tirement. (CC)	
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's	Top 10 Live Angela	Bassett.	Movie Special Bernie Mac stars.	The Parkers "The Revolution" (CC)	The Parkers "The Dates From Hell"	* * "Prison Song" follows his stepfathe	(2001, Drama) Mary	J. Blige, Q-Tip, Fat	Joe. A young man	BET Nightly News	Maad Sports
46	COURT	NYPD Blue Simone a member of their o der suspect. (CC)	and Sipowicz target wn squad as a mur-	Cops Mounted offi- cers conduct crowd control.	Cops New Orleans police patrol the city. (CC)	The System "Raffi I the Desert" Raffi Ko	Kodikian: Death in dikian.	Forensic Files Killer nabbed in old case.	Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	The Investigators * A girl, 14, is convict stepmother. (N)	A Daughter's Love" ed of murdering her	Forensic Files Dis- appearance of 6- year-old girl.	Hollywood Heat (N)
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Just Shoot Me (CC)	Smallville (CC)		Buffy the Vampire	Slayer (CC)	Angel (CC)		Just Shoot Me (CC)	Smallville (CC)
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls Stan buys a date with Dorothy. (CC)	The Golden Girls The ladies star in school play. (CC)	* * "Mother of the Kristy McNichol. A v	Bride" (1993, Dram oman's plans for her	a) Rue McClanahan, daughter's wedding	Ted Shackelford, are disrupted. (CC)	** "I Do (But I Do Jessica Walter. A w	n't)" (2004, Romano edding planner falls f	e-Comedy) Denise F or a man she thinks i	Richards, Dean Cain, s engaged. (CC)	The I Do Diaries Pr Videos Revealed (I	esents: Wedding
51	ABCFAM	Full House Joey hosts a new game show. (CC)	Full House "The Test" D.J. has ex- amination nerves.	7th Heaven Eric ag pist; Cecilia's father her. (CC)	rees to visit a thera- allows Simon to see	** "Little Big Lea old boy becomes th	gue" (1994, Comed e Minnesota Twins' n	/) Luke Edwards, Tim ew manager.	othy Busfield, John A	Ashton. A 12-year-	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	The 700 Club A wo with drugs and sex.	man experiments (CC)
53	HIST	Hands on History The invention of bulletproof glass.	Hands on History Stages of lumber industry. (CC)	Modern Marvels "T Hand Tools" Primitiv tools, (CC)		First Invasion: The sovereignty of its for		Britain threatens the i	ndependence and	Modern Marvels *C propelled Crusader.		Command Deci- sions Battle of Marathon (CC)	Decisive Battles Roman legions vs. Goths (CC)
57	STR-MV	(5:45) "Bollywood		(00)	(:20) "Killer Bees" Fiona Loewi, Noel F from a deadly swarn	(2002, Suspense) C. isher. A sheriff tries t	Thomas Howell, to save townspeople	** "Kung Pow: En Oedekerk, Fei Lung arch-nemesis	nter the Fist" (2002, , Leo Lee. A martial	Comedy) Steve artist battles his evil	(:20) ** "Hackers na Jolie, Jesse Brad to stoo an embezzle	" (1995, Drama) Jon ford. A group of high	v I so Miller Annelia
58	ADV 1	Total Adventure Skateboarding the U.S.	Transversing the Bo Transversing the Bo new fashioned kaya	livian Antiplano in a	The Hunt for Amazing Trea- sures	Skutsjesilen in Fri	esland	Diving		•Surfer's Journal	The Hunt for Amazing Trea- sures	Skutsjesilen in Fri	esland
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60	NICK	Juice "Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants"	Juice "The Wild Thomberrys"	Juice "CatDog/The Angry Beavers"	Juice "As Told By Ginger"	Scaredy Camp Ghost sleuths' final challenge.	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	SLAM: Speed Raci Zim	er X and Invader	The Brothers Gar- cia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple
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12:29 MOBI: Indy Series/MotoGP Highlights (4)(ends).
1:35 Football CX: Champions League Digest (8)
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2:26 World Folk Music: Europe (3)
2:24 U.S. Movie (1986): Full Moon in Blue Water (1:35)(1)
3:55 Code Nucl. (1:35)(1)
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3:57 Classical Music: Africa (3)
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Yankees 11:00 MLB: Seattle Mariners vs. Oakland A's Afternoon 2:00 PBS NewsHour 3:00 CNN News 4:00 World News Hour 5:00 CNN News 5:25 ABC News

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11:30 Economic News 12:16 World Golf Championships: AMEX Championship — 1st Round Championship — 1st Round
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8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Sweet Home Alabama
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1:30 U.S. Movie (1956): Jerry Maguire (2:20)
3:20 FV Boxing: Featherweight 10 Round

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2-40 Freich Movie (1914): Le Faux Magistrat
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7:00 NHK News
800 U.S. Movie (1995): The Quick and the
1:30 French Movie (1974): Toute une Vie
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Questions on prostitution rule

Since the Department of Defense is so preoccupied with the U.S. military paying for sex that it's willing to end careers despite a dearth of "boots on the ground ("DOD pushes for penalties for soliciting a prostitute." Sept. 23. Japan and Korea editions; Sept. 24, Okinawa edition), why is Secretary of Defense Donald Rums feld intent on moving the 1st Armored Division and 1st Infantry Division unaccom panied to Romania, Bulgaria, Poland and Uzbekistan countries that are havens for the sex-slave trade by virtue of their economic destitution?

Why not keep the soldiers at home with their families and out of countries where they have no business being (other than control those regions' oil and natu ral-gas supplies for our chief executive of-ficers in the executive branch)?

Would this new law apply to U.S. civilian contractors as well, such as those who boast of their sexual exploits in online magazines?

Or will these government contractors who are dependent on the taynayer dole continue to escape prosecution due to a combination of international treaties, jurisdictional loopholes and bureaucratic confusion and obfuscation?

Government-contracted soldiers of fortune, earning \$1,500 per day tax-free with no place to spend it, already lack accountability in terms of who they kill. What's the likelihood they would be affected by laws governing who they sleep with, or own, for that matter?

Michele Winter Würzburg, Germany

UCMJ covers prostitution

After reading the article "DOD pushes for penalties for soliciting a prostitute (Sept. 23, Japan and Korea editions; Sept. 24, Okinawa edition). I shook my head because, if memory serves right, there is already a Uniform Code of Military Justice article banning solicitation of sex for money

We see how successful that regulation has been

I also shook my head that the Defense Department is violating the first principle of command: Never give an order that you know will not be obeyed and/or cannot be enforced

Regardless of the noble goal of reducing or eliminating human trafficking, young healthy GIs will want to fulfill their sexual These soldiers will solicit prostitutes regardless of this new regulation This will breed contempt for the UCMJ. It is possible that the feeling of euphoria flouting this new regulation will worsen the problem.

How is the military going to enforce this regulation? Is it going to station military po-lice outside of known bordellos? Even if the military had the manpower or the desire to do this, young men with money in their pockets, who have sexual urges, and women who offer themselves for that money, will find ways to facilitate that ex-

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I think more education about human trafficking and the harm prostitution caus-es will be more successful than this new regulation.

William Tregoning Wachenroth, Germany

Beheading and the Emmys?

Since when did an American being beheaded have anything in common with the 56th annual Emmy Awards (front page, Sent. 22)3

I couldn't even get past the cover without writing a letter to the editor. Seeing a headline that reads, "Report: American hostage beheaded," somehow makes me less interested in HBO's latest Emmy Award winners.

I'm not saying that Stripes is trivializing such a horrible act of terror, but it certain ly appears that way. Am I wrong to think that a patriotic newspaper could find a story like one of an American being beheaded worthy of the entire front page? Apnarently I am.

With a name like Stars and Stripes, you could stand to be a bit more patriotic.

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Kerry's senseless plan

Good thing John Kerry isn't interviewing for a job as a head football coach.

When interviewing for a job with a perennial powerhouse and current Super Bowl champ, Kerry would no doubt boast that, if hired, he could bring in a couple of guys to take up the slack for what he believes is an under-manned world championship team. Well, needless to say a guy who thinks that the Packers play at Lambert Field isn't going to be interviewing for a head football coaching job any time soon.

Kerry is, however, interviewing for the job as commander in chief of all U.S. armed forces, the same forces that have crushed two tyrannical regimes and are now locked in mortal combat with the insurgent remnants of those regimes.

Part of Kerry's stated solution to battling these insurgents is to broaden the in-ternational coalition of the willing — fair enough.

So, if one's stated goal is to broaden the coalition, how much sense does it make to disrespect those countries already participating in the coalition — calling them "win-dow dressing," "bribed," "coerced" and "paid off"? Kerry's counterintuitive plan is to trash

the very countries that have done the heavy lifting to date in the hope of replacing them with French, German and Russian troops. Is this the guy we want running our foreign policy?

The question Kerry must be made to answer is: "Given the recalcitrant nature of these countries toward U.S. interests, how much of America's sovereignty, treasure and leadership are you willing to bargain away for their participation in the war on terror Doug Schumick

Stuttgart Germany

Take blame above generals

I read with interest the Sept. 3 article by Associated Press reporter Robert Burns "4 Army generals could pay a price for indirect ties to Iraq prison abuse" (Okinawa and Korea editions).

Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski was criticized for "failing to ensure that Iraqi prisoners were protected by the Geneva Conventions'

It is common knowledge that President Bush and his administration have categorically denied the protections of the Geneva Conventions to any of the prisoners in any of the prisons run by Americans. Their rationale? They are terrorists, not prisoners of war, although some of these prisoners were pulled out of their beds in the dark of night and none have been formally charged or even accused of any crimes.

Do any of us think that these generals could have acted independently of the mandates put forth by the Bush administration? It is incomprehensible that they could have

The "buck should stop" at the president's desk but sadly enough, it will not even reach it. How sad for our country. Sally Cadol

Landstuhl, Germany

Right to close overseas bases

I usually don't agree with many of the Bush administration's policies, but I like the idea of the Pentagon closing about one-third of U.S. military bases overseas. I don't support a Pax Americana where the U.S. military is the "world's policeman."

We should only have military bases in foreign countries if their citizens approve and their governments pay the salaries and expenses of our troops. Otherwise, we should bring our troops home to protect Chuck Mann

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OPINION

U.S. voters know enough to make an impact

affairs, say any number of com mentators. The evidence they cite is other than spare.

Surveys show most Americans have no



idea who represents them in Congress. Large numbers think the Constitution prom ises employment to those who want it. Forget it if you think many can tell you who the Su preme Court's chief justice is. Ask voters about a prescrip-tion-drug bill passed this year, and 70 per-

cent draw a blank. The ignorance is truly overwhelming and so is the moment's fretting about it. After all, Nov. 2 is bearing down on us. Good grief, think the Kerry supporters, the fools out there may give the presidential prize to George W. Bush. Heaven help us, think the Bush supporters, the idiots

may be taken in by John Forbes Kerry. But if the anxiety is high-pitched because of an Election Day being widely described as hugely important, there is nothing new about democracy-doubting. Scoot back to the 1920s, for instance, and there you find the great journalist Walter Lippmann worrying about all those Americans who are "fee bleminded, grossly neurotic, undernour-ished and frustrated." It seemed to him that the "stream of public opinion is stopped by them in little eddies of misunderstanding. where it is discolored with prejudice and far-fetched analogy

The average American, he is quoted as

public affairs, doesn't care and is therefore easy picking for "the quack, the charlatan,

Was Lippmann himself, then, incapable of error? Of course not. Flubs pursued even this brilliant man. Nor should anyone suppose his briefly entertained solution was on target: the creation of "intelligence bu-reaus" of social scientists who would figure things out and inform the public of the truth.

In a sense, we now have those bureaus we call them think tanks - and what they regularly prove is that experts can be as much a captive of ideological prejudice as non-experts. These experts regularly disagree with each other, meaning that some of them must be regularly wrong, although right and wrong in politics is not the same as

And, by the way, some rather convincing social scientists have been saying in recent years that the public is rational - that voters can, in fact, be trusted.

Two big names on the issue are Benjamin Page and Robert Shapiro, I discovered through electronic-library research. They examined massive amounts of data from 1935 to 1990, and their conclusion is that nublic opinion taken as a whole is coherent Most Americans buy into a consistent scheme of values. They do take note of news and react intelligently to it.

Still other respected statistical explorers concur that voters in the aggregate have a grasp of social realities and a concept of the common good. Over time, these voters figure out what works and vote that way.

But not always. Democracy is a great good, but scarcely infallible. As the 19th century philosopher John Stuart Mill helped ex-



plain, majority rule is a form of public self-protection: Those in power should be "delegates" to the people, "removable at their pleasure," because government might otherwise abuse its ability to prey on them. Mill simultaneously understood that the majority itself can be tyrannical. The greater number can oppress the smaller number.

What to do? In the United States, we have found some answers. We have a Bill of Rights in the Constitution, and consequently it takes more than a simple majority to steal our liberties. We have checks and halances. And most of our policy decisions are made through representatives in legislative bodies, not by a vote of citizens

focused on their own jobs and lives. The British statesman Edmund Burke

knew in 1774 what we keep rediscovering that these representatives should reject the role of mirror to a public that may be lost on given issues. "Your representative," he said, "owes you, not his industry only, but judgment, and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

A better educated public? Sure. We all want that. But let's keep in mind as we hope for such advances that the public is rather reliable as is, and that we have so hedged democracy as to keep ourselves safe from ourselves when majority opinion goes awry.

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'This column brought to you by Snickers' isn't funny

ing-industry technique for so thor-oughly concealing itself as to trick us into believing some ads don't exist. The trickery I'm referring to is called



"product placement." Bonnie Erbe The average Ameri can consumer is pounded daily by ads in news papers, on television, on radio, at bus stons and train stations, via roadside billboards, in Internet pop-ups and recorded telemarketing spiels. Ads, ads everywhere But a much more venal

wanted stepchild (the relentless pitch) has grown in use and effica cy to the point where advertising as we know it is falling from favor.

form of capitalism's un-

Product placement is a more venal (and subliminal) pitch mode.

Advertisers traditionally procure an an noying but nonetheless legitimate marketing segment that is separate and distinct from the entertainment vehicle in which it airs. Now, advertisers have found they might penetrate your subconscious all the more stealthfully by placing products in the content portions of those programs.

This mendacious trend apparently started in the movies. One of the earliest examples dates back a half-century when, HowStuff Works.com notes, "Gordon's Gin paid to have Katharine Hepburn's character in 'The African Oueen' "toss loads of its product overboard. Since then, there have been countless placements in movies.

In fact, surreptitious sales pitches are so ubiquitous, the trailer for the movie "Josie and the Pussycats" spoofed the practice. It squeezed "placed" products from all the following companies into a two-minute time frame, according to HowStuffWorks.com: "America Online, American Express, Bebe, Billboard Magazine, Bugles, Campbell's Soup. Coke, Entertainment Weekly Magazine, Evian, Ford, Gatorade, Kodak, Krispy Kreme, McDonald's, Milky Way, Motorola, Pepperidge Farm Cookies, Pizza Hut, Pringles, Puma, Ray-Ban, Sega, Starbucks, Steve Madden, Target and T.J. Maxx.

Not all placements are purchased. Some come in exchange for providing a studio or network with props at the last minute. Yes, so cunning and sadly successful is the At least in movies, it could be argued, no consumer so much as expects reality, honesty or even, most times, intellectual rigor.

scheme, it has expanded beyond Hollywood. Now advertisers are venturing into other media. A recent Wall Street Journal interview promoted a rising network executive star who gushed shamelessly about her cross-platform product-placement powers (the woman is in charge of placing products on a variety of co-owned broadcast and cable networks as well as other media).

Call me crazy, but I prefer to know when I'm some ad agency's target of opportunity. I need to know so I can ignore the message, vent my resentment and go out of my way not to patronize the brand or product that invaded my space. I need to know so I can buy the generic version (if one's available)

Then I'm secure in the knowledge no one's exaggerated the capabilities of my small-dollar purchase (cleans all surfaces relieves cold symptoms, etc.). I rest easier knowing my money is not subsidizing the exorbitant salary of some Madison Avenue sorcerer who is owed as little toward that product's success as the Wizard of Oz was for getting Dorothy back to Kansas (and we all know the curtain was pulled on the Wizard's lame shamanics too)

Major advertisers are beginning to understand that consumers don't trust ads. Some are shifting resources toward more hidden product placement or feel-good promotion.

The Gallup Organization noted in a 2002 Web posting, "There is mounting evidence that leading companies may be questioning the role of advertising and the amounts they have been spending on it."

As that happens, we as consumers and as targets need to be on guard for the barrage of hidden sales pitches, so we can inure ourselves to them, as we are inuring ourselves to the obvious ones

TV host Bonnie Erbe writes this column

for Scripps Howard News Service.

Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



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Bat-friendly cave

DORSET — There is a new gate protecting the entrance to Dorset Cave on Mount Aeolus, the highest known cave in New England, where up to 20,000 bats are known to spend the winter. The \$16,625 iron gate

across the mouth of the cave is designed to keep people out and protect the state's most precious bat habitat inside the

limestone cave

Several species of bats - including the rare Indiana bat and the state-endangered small-footed bat are here after completing an annual migration to the high-elevation cave this month

The gate closes off Dorset Cave, often explored by intrepid hikers or cavers, from Sept. 1 to June 1. People are allowed to explore its guano-covered floor in the summer. A gate was built 19 years ago. but rebuilt this year to be more human-proof and bat-friendly.

College under review

IN NOBLESVILLE — A judge ordered officials of Earlham College to provide financial details of its operation of the Conner Prairie museum. The 1,400-acre, living history museum draws about 300,000 visitors annually. Attorney General Steve Carter began a review of the museum's finances after Earlham fired the museum's president and 27 of its 31 board memhers

Alligator round-up

CORPUS CHRISTI — Cornus Christi Reach is used to catering to the tourist crowd with attractions - just not the scaly, four-legged kind. It took authori ties more than three hours and a raw chicken to snag a 61/2-foot-long alligator.

Rocco Montesano, executive director of Corpus Christi's floating museum, said he watched some of the capture attempt on the ship's security cameras

Game warden Kevin McDonald of Texas Parks and Wildlife said it isn't unusual for alligators to be in the area, but most unusual to be on a beach. The alligator, believed to be about 3 years old, was released in a more suitable, undisclosed lo-

Snake sightings increase

NC DURHAM — When Herb Ubbens' cat, Maggie, dumped a freshly killed copperhead on his back porch, he realized his recent snake sightings were adding up.

Ubbens joins the growing ranks of area residents who have noticed more serpents out and about during the past month.

Displaced by cold winds and soggy terrain during prime breeding season, the snakes are searching for higher and drier ground, slithering into dens and decks, garages and gardens.

Recently, a child-care center was closed because of snake sightings inside the building. The two serpents found inside the building later were identified as nonvenomous water snakes.

Judge hurt in blast

FLORA — A judge was critically injured when a massive explosion destroyed his house,



authorities said

The explosion also damaged several nearby homes and businesses. and briefly disrupted electric service in and near Flora.

The blast knocked Clay County Circuit Judge Alan Buck out of his house and into a field, authorities

Buck was treated at a local hospital and later transferred to St John's Hospital in Springfield. about 100 miles northwest, where a nursing supervisor reported the judge's condition as critical. Flora Police Chief Rick Perry

said an investigation is under way to determine the cause of the explosion, which was heard as far as four miles away.

Subway injuries down

WASHINGTON — Metro said the number of injuries on the subway is down. New figures show a 12-percent decrease from last year. Metro attributes the decrease to its safety education program, and good weather, which reduces slipping and falling. Bus collisions were up, though, with 65 more accidents compared to a year

Daughter charged

WALTON — A North Carolina woman was charged with killing her 95-year-old father, who authorities thought died of nat-

ural causes, more than a year ago. New York State Police claim Colby Anne Thompson, 50, of



Testing the pipes

Tim Cole, a solo piper from South ern Pines, N.C., plays the bagpipes during the 35th Malcolm Blue Festival in Aberdeen, N.C.

Asheville, N.C., suffocated her father in his Walton home on June 21, 2003

Thomas Beers, manager of Lvon Bros.-Way Funeral Home in Walton. said a court had ordered the exhumation of Seth R. Thompson's body within the last month. It was examined at Albany Medical Center. Colby Thompson was arrest-ed for second-degree murder after state police investigators traveled to her home.

State police did not release a mo-tive and didn't say what evidence prompted the homicide investiga-

Replica plane crashes

CA FULLERTON — A replica of an antique plane crashed seconds after takeoff, just missing an airport control tower and slamming into a parked car that had two women inside.

No one was killed, but a man in the plane suffered severe burns.

The 1986 Rushmaster broke apart on impact and erupted in flames, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jerry Johnston The crash occurred in front of

hundreds of people who were at the small Fullerton Municipal Airport in Orange County for an exhibition featuring displays of vintage and experimental planes

Train strikes car, kills 1

MINNEAPOLIS — A commuter train broadsided a car that went through a railroad crossing arm. killing 87-year-old driver.

The 40 passengers on the train vere unharmed.

The driver was headed south

when he turned into the path of the northbound train, said Bob Gibbons, spokesman for Metro Tran-

Authorities identified the driver as Hilmer A. Iverson of Minneanolis. He had glaucoma and trouble hearing, according to his son, Gregg Iverson.

There were no indications Iveron was trying to beat the train, which was going about 40 mph. "Witnesses have told us that he was driving slowly," Gibbons said.

The train line, part of the city's new light rail system, was shut down for almost three hours while authorities reconstructed the acci-

Groom dies in ATV crash

ME WASHINGTON — A South China man died when the all-terrain vehicle he was operating struck a rock wall, overturned and landed on him.

The accident happened just 24-year-old Nicholaus Tucker, was to get married. Tucker was operating the ATV

near the Washington-Palermo line when it crashed, according to the Knox County Sheriff's office. He was traveling southbound on a dirt road testing out a friend's ATV, said Sgt. Steven Burns.

Tucker expected to be gone 15 to 20 minutes and wasn't wearing a helmet. When he failed to return, his older brother went looking for him and found him under the overturned ATV.

Police listed speed and inexperience as the primary causes of the accident, which is under investiga-



Dennis Graf, center, flashes the crowd during Flash dance the Dayton Valley Days parade while his father Dalos, commands the Dayton Silver Squares float in Dayton, Nev. The Grafs were helping promote their square dance club at the event.



Corny proposal field near Napoleon, Ohio. Corey Cook paid the farmer to carve the heart and proposal into his field so it could be seen by his girlfriend, Michelle See, as they flew in a small plane to a family cabin in India



Rob Crawford of Enfield, Conn., holds his Patriotic feline patriotic cat, Cheddar, during a pet, dog and cat expo at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston, Ma.



Cheryl Vassar, left, playing a pelican, reacts to having her costume sinched Crazy for education up back stage at Forest Heights Elementary School in Baton Rouge before Governor Kathleen Blanco launches a new youth education program about coastal erosion.



Jay Manfreda, 7, of Sterling Heights, Big imagination Mich., is outsized by a huge light bulb on display at the Thomas Edison Museum in Port Huron, Mich.



Peaceful wait A football fan from Dade County, Ga., waits for the start of the football game in Adairsville, Ga., as the sunsets.



Seven-year-old Soomin Kim enjoys the nice weather as she stops to play in a brand Pipeful of fun new drain nine waiting to be used in River Edge, N.I.

Boy charged with arson

PA SUGAR NOTCH — A 7-year-old boy was charged with arson and second-degree homicide for setting a house fire that killed a retired school guidance

Benjamin Morris, 76, died in a June 12 blaze that began on the back porch of his home in Sugar Notch, a few miles southwest of Wilkes Barre.

The house, which burned to the ground, was filled with papers and clutter, and had only one passable exit, according to firefighters.

Prosecutors declined to reveal much about the investigation, citing the boy's age.

Recruiting rule dropped MS GULFPORT — A federal

judge lifted a 33-year-old order requiring the Mississippi Highway Patrol to recruit equal numbers of blacks and whites for its training programs. Public Safety Commissioner Rusty Fortenberry said he wants the best, most qualified neonle to serve the state's citizens, regardless of race or sex.

Animal fund indictment

TYLER - Over the past decade, Smith County Sher-iff's Department officials have raised more than \$500,000 for search-and-rescue animals but spent much of the money for other purposes, including guns and cash for undercover drug deals, according to a published report.

Jack Madera, the founder and

former head of Mid-States, was indicted by a Dallas County grand jury for falsifying government documents to get a jail contract in Kaufman County.

The K-9 and Livestock Fund was set up to pay for horses and bloodhounds used in search and rescue operations, but donations were used for other purposes, including \$37,260 to buy 340 shotguns from the Texas Adjunct General's Office.

Card player kills robber

NY BUFFALO — At a city social club where senior citizens gather to play cards, a 64-year-old man shot an armed robber dead, police said.

Two masked robbers carrying a shotgun and pistol entered the club and told the five people playing cards not to move, Detective Mary Gugliuzza said. The shotgun went off inside the small storefront, and one card player hit the floor.

Another card player, apparently believing his friend was shot, pulled out his gun and fired, Gugli uzza said. As the robber was hit, his shotgun went off again, wounding his accomplice in the arm.

Warren Zontail, 16, of Buffalo, was later charged with first-degree robbery and weapon possession, police said.

Owl numbers declining

DC WASHINGTON - Fourteen years after coming under federal protection, the northern spotted owl continues on the decline in the Pacific Northwest, a study shows.

The report said the owl, an icon of the Northwest timber wars, no longer faces the threat it once did from logging. It faces new ones, however principally the wildfires

that rage through overgrown forests and the barred owl, a relative of the spotted owl, which rapidly is taking over spotted owl habitat in the West.

The study, conducted by a private firm for the Fish and Wildlife Service, appears to strike a blow at timber industry efforts to loosen restrictions on federal forest logging in Washington, Oregon and north ern California.

Overall, northern spotted owls declined annually by about 3.7 percent from 1985 to 2003, the report suggests.

Union recomends raise

WA OLYMPIA — The Wash-ington Federation of State Employees is recommending that the 30,000 workers it represents approve a contract agreement. calls for a 3.2 percent pay raise next year, if the Legislature ap-proves. The union is the largest of the state unions that negotiated for the first time this year with the governor's office

New lottery chief

MN ST. PAUL — Gov. Tim Pawlenty has recruited South Dakota's lottery chief Clint Harris to take the same job in Minnesota. Harris has been executive director of South Dakota's lottery since May 2003 but was acting chief for three years before that. His selection comes nine months after longtime Minnesota Lottery head George Andersen committed suicide.

Cell phones not allowed

VI BENNINGTON — The school district that covers much of southwestern Vermont is clamping down on student use of cell phones and pagers.

The latest draft of the proposal for the six districts in the Southwestern Vermont Supervisory Union would allow students to have cell phones and pagers on school property, but would require that they be turned off on buses and during school hours.

Teachers and staff are not exempt from the rules. The policy says they can only use wireless communication devices for "job-related communication" during school hours, and only if it does not disrupt the learning environment.

School obesity centers

NC RALEIGH — Four Wake County high schools have created on-campus wellness centers for students and teachers as part of an effort to curb obesity in school-age children. The centers stocked with cardiovascular and strength-training equipment are the only ones in North Carolina, school officials say. A \$493,000 federal grant underwrote the centers.

Ivan leaves pets homeless

PA PITTSBURGH — Soggy and mud-covered dogs and cats have poured into western Pennsylvania animal shelters after the remnants of Hurricane Ivan caused flooding across the state. A spokeswoman says the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society in Pittsburgh took in 30 animals and received as many as 70 calls from people who had either lost or found a pet.

Photos and stories from wire services

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J Horoscope

The Taurus moon provides much-needed grounding. It's easy to get carried away by dreamy impossi bilities, which actually serve a high purpose. But a Joyce Jillson dream is nothing without a

task, and a task is useless without a dream. So make sure you've got both. If you're not sure what to do next, get 10 ideas from 10 friends, and see if any of those fit

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 30). Big

changes are ahead, espe cially in the way you make your money. You're learning more about your strengths and talents and are able to attract new ways to put those gifts to use. Commit to long-term plans in the next three weeks. Through October and November, romance is high intensity, teaching you much about your own nature

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be adding to your life, most likely in a material way. Your excellent taste will help you discern between your options - there are so many. Others might be overwhelmed by the choices, but not

VOII TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Showing respect to your elders is the key to gaining position in a family or company. Of course, you can't please everyone, but you sure will try. Fussy individuals may be ill or having personal problems. Be

compassionate. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's one of those cut-off days when you feel you simply can't go one day more with a situation the way it currently stands. There's no need for drastic measures because you can make a major difference with a

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're growing more attached to someone - you think of this person before you make decisions. Be careful not to give away your power It's possible to grow close and

actually become more powerful in LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A

change of scene is featured - just when you were starting to get bored

THANK YOU FOR

Don't worry. A wealth of drama lies ahead. Of course, you always have the option of staying completely out of it (and seldom choose that op tion)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You may find yourself laboring over the simplest of choices. and rightly so. Decisions you make now deserve to be thought through completely. Consult a friend before any selections are made or agreements

reached LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). That long project you've been working on seems to have taken over your

entire life, but the end of the road is in sight. Remedy any neglect you've suffered lately by taking it easy and sleeping as much as you really need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Get worries out of your head and onto paper. The same goes for all of those little tasks that crop up: errands, things people have requested of you and phone calls. More time spent planning will help you spend

less time doing. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends are a huge help. You don't even have to ask; all you have to do is mention what you need. By the same token, be careful to accept only as much as you require and be extremely grateful. Manners count.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Many people couldn't deal with the level of business you're accustomed to. The way you keep the facts and figures straight in your head is truly amazing. You're an adviser to friends and family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Your breezy attitude will attract people who want to be like you. You have no idea how chaotic some people's minds get. Maybe you won't be able to teach others to have peace like you do, but you can still be a calming influence

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

There's a whimsy in your personality that is irresistible to many. When you're in a playful mood, there isn't a soul who wouldn't like to join in. Choose your company wisely, or your mood will suddenly shift to had-vour-fill.

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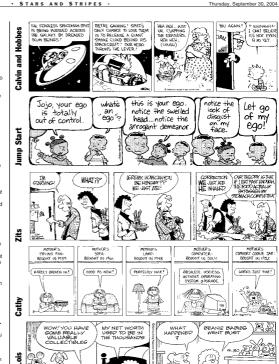
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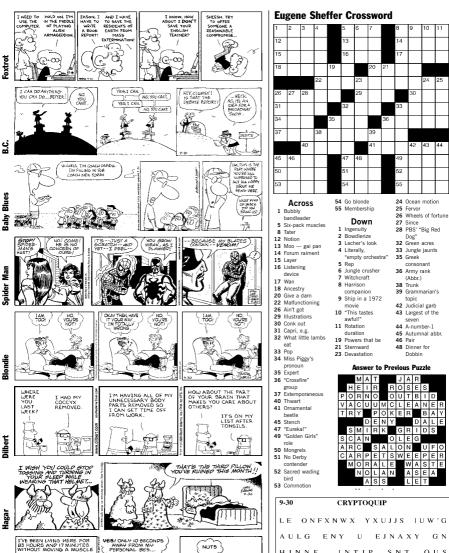




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suggested by the above cartoon.

Switching genders a tough road

Dear Abby: I have a medical condition known as gender identity disorder - more commonly called transsexualism. I have prayed every night ever since I was a young boy that God would turn me into a girl. During my teens and into adulthood, I learned to live with the constant pain of pretend-Dear Abby ing to be a man when, really, all I wanted was to live my life as a woman However, earlier this year

male to female After years of therapy for depression, ingesting dozens of different medications for a variety of misdiagnosed ailments. hospitalization for post-traumatic stress disorder and daily thoughts of suicide, I made the decision to reveal my lifelong secret to my siblings, some friends and professional colleagues. Generally, the reaction

I began the gradual pro-

cess to transition from

It is now time to tell my adult

to live the rest of my life as a woman How to tell them and what to tell them, is causing me great distress. Any advice you can

offer would be appreciated. —
"Lily" in the Valley Dear "Lily": Tell them exactly what you have told me.

Explain that this is not a whim, but the actualization of some thing you have felt since you were a child. Tell them that making this choice has been so difficult that it has cost years of depression, ineffective medications hospitalization and eated thoughts of

suicide Your parents and children are bound to be shocked, so be prepared for it. Answer their questions and

Dear Abby: Veterans and their families might be interested to know about a new Web site. www.govbenefits.gov. It's government-sponsored, and organizes

programs, targeting citizens into one single site. Veterans can log on, answer a few anonymous questions and find out which benefits they may be eligible to receive. It's also a helpful site for case workers, relatives or caregiv-

I answered the questions for my grandfather, a World War II veteran from 1941-'45, and discovered 21 benefit programs for which he might be eligible.

- Keith Nelson, Washington, D.C. Dear Keith: Bless you for shar-

ing this information with my readers. Upon further investigation, I learned that www.govbenefits.gov was created by the U.S. Department of Labor, with contributions by 10 federal agencies and several states. (There is at least one benefit in every state.) The site also includes a Spanish language version: www.govbenefits.gov/es Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 694 Los Angeles CA 90069, Readers can write

to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion Unscramble these four Jumbles, Thanks for a one letter to each square.



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Yesterday's

Jumbles: SWOON PERKY SEPTIC JACKAL Answer: When she was "taken" by her friend's beau she was reminded that he -- WAS "TAKEN"

concerns honestly.

has been supportive children and parents that I intend

Friend short on discussion etiquette

Dear Annie: I have a friend who cannot refrain from trying to start a private, two-person conversation while there already is a lively group conversation in progress. I also work with "Ruth," and even during meetings, she tries to start a conversation with the person sitting next to her There never has been a

meeting where her name is not sharply spoken in order to bring her focus back to the group. She never seems embarrassed about the reprimand, nor is she apologetic

At first, I was tolerant of these asides, because I thought she really needed to address a particular concern at that precise

Now I realize it's just a bad habit. She attempts these hijackings in every conversation, regardless of the tonic. I lately



ing her interruptions by saying, "I'm sorry, but I can only follow one conversation at a time." I did this twice in one day, and she looked shocked and distressed.

Ruth is in her 50s and I suspect she has ADD, I casually mentioned the possibility to

her (as if I suffered from it), and we reviewed an online list of symptoms together. Although she has 90 percent of the symp toms listed, Ruth was not impressed and shrugged off the information If I am any more direct. I'm afraid I will lose her friendship

After 20 years of knowing this woman, she has not changed her behavior. Do you have any suggestions or advice?

- Polite Conversationalist

in Boston

Dear Polite: Ruth may no realize she is being inappropriate, but over time, she has no doubt irritated people who are professionally and personally important to her. You were smart to frame her problem as if you also had one, so don't give up

You would be doing Ruth a favor by pointing out that interruptions of this sort unintentionally alienate people, and it would be in her best interest to concentrate more on being part of the group conversation. Admit conspiratorially that this takes a lot of effort, and give her some pointers that you've "picked up. (P.S.: If you don't have the gumption to do this, be prepared to put up with her interruptions forev

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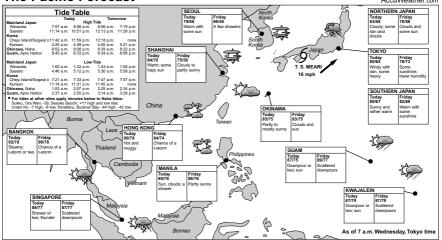


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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 81, low 68. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 75, low 65,

KADENA

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 83, low 77. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 83, low 75.

SEOUL

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 62, low 43. Sunday: Mostly sunny high 66, low 48.

MANILA

Saturday: Showers, high 87, low 76. Sunday: Showers, high 87 low 76

HAGATNA

Saturday: Thundershowers, high 89, low 77. Sunday: Showers, high 89, low 77,

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Asheville	76/56	Miami	90/77
Baltimore	75/63	Milwaukee	64/45
Birmingham	84/61	Nashville	82/55
Bismarck	73/46	New York	76/58
Boise	86/55	Omaha	74/41
Boston	69/55	Orlando	91/72
Brownsville	91/69	Philadelphia	76/61
Buffalo	70/48	Phoenix	100/74
Burlington	72/47	Pittsburgh	68/52
Charleston, St	89/67	Portland, OR	79/54
Charlotte	81/60	Portland, ME	69/51
Cleveland	71/53	Salt Lake City	82/58
Columbus, OF	75/54	St. Louis	75/49
Duluth	66/38	San Antonio	90/65
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Hartford	68/55	San Juan	89/76
Helena	75/44	Tampa	89/74
Indianapolis	76/48	Tulsa	84/54
Jacksonville	93/69	Washington	76/63
Kansas City	74/43	Wichita	74/52



Thursday, September 30

U.S. Extended Forecast

The coldest air of the season will impact the northern United States Thursday, Friday and Saturday as a pool of polar air spins south through Canada. By late Thursday, rain will change to snow showers over Montana and northern North Dakota with temperatures plunging. This front will move quickly to the east and slowly weaken, but will still have enough punch to push cold air into the Upper Midwest by Saturday. Ahead of the front, temperatures will be warm, with plenty of sunshine and a gusty wind along the front. Severe thunderstorms may occur along the front as well as it pushes south and east. Meanwhile, a tranquil weather pattern is expected for the Pacific Coast as high pressure remains the dominant weather feature.

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Hanoi	92/76	Osan	80/58	Taegu	81/61	Berlin	57/43	Istanbul	71/55	Montreal	69/51	St. Petersburg	53/39
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face gauges lights up green or blue easy installation \$50.00 OBO call 646-2350 or 090-6860-3891. 090-6960-3891.

Foster - Toyota Town Ace (1991), \$1600, Exterior Color: Gray, Interior Color: Gray, Uct: 07/2006, Y-Plate, Transmission: Automatic, Features: Fog Lights, AM/FM Radio, CD Player, Air

AM/FM Radio, CD Player, Alt Conditioning, Power Steering, Power Windows, Rear Window Wiper, Tinted Windows, Sunroof/Moonroot, Comments: Recently tuned up, Recharged cold A/C front and rear... Owner Deployed available immediately Reasonable offers considered... nsiderea.. George

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China races to embrace opulent way

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The Washington Post

SHANGHAI, China — If any doubts remained

that China has turned its back on socialist equality for the masses, they faded in exhaust fumes as Rubens Barrichello's flaming red Ferrari F1 shricked past the checkered flag before thousands of fans at the first Chinese Grand Prix held Sept. 26. fleding half-million-dollar cars that whined around a \$350 million circuit for spectators who paid as much as \$400 a ticket — represented the antithesis of the ascetic communism that China once enforced at home and advocated abroad. Now, after more than two decades of economic reform and bounting a taste for luxury, conspicuous consumption and sta-

"I think Beijing and Shanghai should concentrate on things like this," said spectator Jacky Zhang, 40. "It means we have enough money to play the game."

"It means we have enough money to play the game." Formula One is not the only measure of changing times. Rich Chinese whose parents were taught that ostentation is a political crime wear Ferragamo pantsuits and Gucci sunglasses to dine at Jean-Georges, a few floors up from the Armani store at Three on the Bund, one of Shanghai's most fashionable adversess. A weekend dinner for two at the packed T-8, a trendy spot around the corner from the little brick building where the Chinese Communist Party held its first national congress in 1921, can go for as much as \$260.

The hard-to-get tables are a short distance from the new dealership where Ferrari has predicted it will sell 50 street cars this year at \$150,000 and up. BMW has calculated that China already is the world's biggest customer for its top-of-the-line 760Li V12. Cadillac recently announced that it, too, wants in on the luxury market.

"China is a big country, and we have so many ways of getting rich," said Rose Tan, who edits Autostyle magazine and is one of China's few female race drivers. Tan had no time for the apparent conflict between Formula One's heritage of rich men plaing with expensive toys and China's own heritage of share-and-share-anilke communism. "If it's an international event, and China is a big country, then we should have it," she said.

should have it," she said.

For Tan and many other Chinese, the only false note in the Formula One race was that there was no



Tens of thousands of spectators watch as race cars get set Sunday for the start of the first Chinese F1 Grand Prix at China's Shanghai International Circuit.

Chinese driver and no Chinese team. But people in Shanghai have begun working on that.

The race, attended by more than 150,000 people, seemed to be the latest, and perhaps the most blatant, demonstration of a new Chinese ethic more at home on Wall Street than in Tinanamen Square. In fact, China's embrace of Formula One was organiced on behalf of a government-owned holding company by a Communist Party functionary assigned to studied to the communist party of the Studies of the St

"I'm a Communist Party member, so the party's assignment for me is always number one," said Yu Zhifei, vice president of Shanghai International Circuit and the race's main promoter. Organizing the Formula One race for Shanghai was his official duty rather than his passion, he said.

Yu dismissed the idea that Formula One racing was out of place in China, even though it is a nominally communist country where annual per capit income just passed \$1,000. Yu, \$2, described Formula One racing in China as "healthy and positive."

Ding Wei, a recent high school graduate in

Ding Wei, a recent high school graduate in Beijing, complained to the China Youth Daily newspaper about the high price of tickets, saying he tried to save up to attend the race, but, with the cost of travel, it proved beyond his means. "To me, it was too much to afford," he said.

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College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Friday, Oct. 1 No. 14 Utah at New Mexico Saturday, Oct. No. 14 Utah at Mee Mesico Saturday, Oct. 2 No. 2 Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech No. 3 Georgia vs. No. 13 ISU No. 4 Miami at Georgia Tech No. 7 Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech No. 7 Oklahoma vs. No. 13 ISU No. 6 West Virginia at Verginia Tech No. 7 Oklahoma vs. No. 10 Ternessec, No. 10 Galifornia at Oregon State No. 15 Purdue at Notre Dame No. 16 Florida vs. Arkansas No. 16 Florida vs. Arkansas siana Tech No. 18 Minnesota vs. Penn State No. 18 Minnesota vs. Penn State . 18 Minnesota vs. Penn State . 19 Michigan at Indiana No. 20 Wisconsin vs. Illinois No. 21 Arizona State at Oregon No. 22 Louisville vs. East Carolina No. 23 Boise State vs. SMU No. 25 Oklahoma State vs. Iowa State

Division I-AA Top 25

HILADELPHIA (AP) — The top 25 teams Sports Network Division I-AA footb

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Pro basketball

WNBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-three) EASTERN CONFERENCE onnecticut vs. Washingt Saturday, Sept. 25

Saturday, Sept. 25
Washington 67, Connecticut 59
Monday, Sept. 27
Connecticut 80, Washington 70, 70. series tied

L-1 Wednesday, Sept. 29
Washington at Connecticut
New York vs. Detroit
Friday, Sept. 24
New York 75, Detroit 57, Detroit 57
Detroit 76, New York 65, Series tied 1-1
Tuesday, Sept. 26
Detroit 76, New York 65, Series tied 1-1
Detroit at New York 65, Series tied 1-1

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Detroit at New York
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles vs. Sacramen
Friday, Sept. 24
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Friday, Sept. 24
Sacramento 72, Los Angeles 52
Sunday, Sept. 26
Los Angeles 71, Sacramento 57, series tied
1-1

1-1 Tuesday, Sept. 28
Sacramento at Los Angeles
Seattle ys. Minnesota
Saturday, Sept. 25
Seattle 70, Minnesota
Seattle 94, Minnesota 54, Seattle wins series 2-0

Tennis

Korea Open

Tuesday At Olympic Park Seoul, South Korea Purse: \$140,000 (Tier IV) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles First Round

Shinoba Asape (2), Alpain, def. Selko Okamoto, Japan, 6-6, 6-7; (S.) Slovenia, def. Aspira, 6-6, 6-7; (S.) Slovenia, def. Aspira, 6-6, 6-7; (S.) Slovenia, def. Aspira, 6-7; (S.) Slovenia, def. Aspira, 6-7; (S.) Self, 6-7;

Shanghai Open

Tuesday At Xian Xia Tennis Stadium Shanghai, China Purse: \$380,000 (Intl. Series) Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles First Round

Lars Burgsmuller, Germany, def. Zeng Sha-oxuan, China, 6-3, 6-4. oxuan, China, 6-3, 6-4. Kristian Pless, Denmark, def. Christophe Rochus, Belgium, 4-6, 7-5, 6-0. Zhu Benqiang, China, def. Tomas Zib, Czech Republic, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4. Czech Republic, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Nathan Healey, Australia, 4-6, 7-6 (9), 6-4. Melle van Gemerden, Metherlands, def. Melle van Gemerden, Metherlands, def. Glenn Weiner, United States, def. Mark Philippousis (4), Australia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Jan-Michael Gambill (8), United States, def. Ivo Kiec, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.

Campionati di Sicilia

At Country Time Club
Palermo, Sicily
Purse: \$461,000 (Intl. Series)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Blanco, Spain, def. Alessio Di Mauro,

Galo Blanc, Soil, def. Alessio Di Mauro, Inguia I Montaco, Argentina, efe. Philippo Robichecipeiro Germany, 45, 64, retired. e. Germany, 61, 64, solid. e. Germany, 61, solid. e. Germany, 61,

tanes, Spain, 6-2, 6-3

Nikolay Davydenko (4), Russia, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-2, 7-5. Potito Starace, Italy, def. Richard Gasquet, France, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-1.

Gaz de France Stars

Tuesday At Ethias Arena Hasselt, Belgium Purse: \$170,000 (Tier III) Surface: Hard-Indoor

Singles First Round Italy, def. Mara Francesca Schlavone (5), Italy, def. Mara Santangelo, Italy, 6-2, 6-0. Slivla Farina Ella (6), Italy, def. Tatlana Pereblynis, Ukraine, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1. Maria Sanchez Lorenzo, Spain, def. Clau-dine Schaul, Luxembourg, 6-3, 6-0. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Ange-Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Ange-

iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Angelika Bachmann, Germany, 6-4, 6-3, Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Capucine Russeau, France, 6-2, 6-3, Bulgaria, def. Lindsay, Lee-Waters, United States, 6-3, 6-3, Vanessa Henke, Germany, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4, Michaela Pastikova, Czech Republic, def. Tathiana Garbin, Italy, 7-6 (5), 6-4. Els Callens, Belgium, def. Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Thailand Open

Tuesday At Impact Arena Bangkok, Thailand Purse: \$525,000 (Intl. Series) Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Surface: Hard-Outdoor Singles Singles Taylor Dent (5), United States, def. Justin Gimelstob, United States, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, Paul Baccanello, Australla, def. Marc Ros-set, Switzerland, 7-6(2), 1-6, 7-6 (4). Alex Bogomoto Jr., United States, def. Jay-mor Crabb, Australla, 6-3, 6-2. Jeff Morrison, United States, def. Michael ieff Morrison, United States, def, Michael Kohlmann, Germany, 6-4, 6-3. Netherlands, def, Noyak Djokovic, Sebla-Montenegro, Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def, Nicolas Thomann, France, 6-4, -7-6 (d), No Heuberger, Switzerland, def. Attila Savolt, Hungary, 6-4, 6-1.

High school

Japan cross country

At Tama Hills Recreation Center, Tokyo 2.9-mile boys course, 2.1-mile girls course Boys team scores St. Mary's 15, Nile C. Kinnick 50 Yokota 21, St. Maur International 38 American School In Japan 26, Christian Academy In Japan 30 American School In Japan 18, Zama Ameri-

40 nristian Academy In Japan 19, Zama Boys top runners by school, time
St. Mary's-J.M. Kwak, 15 minutes, 33 sec-

onds
ASIJ-Scott Metts, 15:58
CAJ-Joni Yosypiw, 16:19
Edgren-Daniel Sanchez, 16:43
Zama-Chris Cerillo, 16:45
Kinnick-Jack Harns, 17:19
St. Maur-Yoshi Someha, 18:06
Yokota-Chris Hunsinger, 18:06
Girls team scores
American School In Japan 20, Christian

ademy In Japan 36 American School In Japan def. Zama Amer ican, incomplete team
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Nile C. Kinnick 23, Seisen International 32 Yokota 24, St. Maur International 33 International School of the Sacred Heart 18, St. Maur International 41 Girls top runners by school, time ASU-Brooke Losier, 13 minutes, 48 sec-

onds ISSH-Nao Ikeda, 14:34 CAJ-Megan Justiniano, 14:48 Edgren-Jade Thrasher, 15:06 Kinnick-Eri Eveland, 15:07 St. Maur-Shawna Ueyama, 15:10 Yokota-Brett Wagner, 15:12 Seisen-Nana AoKi, 16:09

Japan girls volleyball Saturday's summaries isen International def. Yokota 26-24, 25-16, 24-26, 25-19 At Yokota Air Base, Japan

At Yokota Air Base, Japan Spike kills—Yokota, Andrevia Thomas 7, Shawna Vitarbo 6, Jonica Childress 5. Set assists—Yokota, Darlene Seeley 12, Shiori Kaneko 12.

ori Kaneko 12. Robert D. Edgren def. Zama American 25-21, 25-14, 25-19 At Camp Zama, Japan bike kills – Edgren, Arlie Boera 9. erving – Edgren, Arlie Boera 23-for-24.

Defensive digs—Zama, Jamie Cayanong S. Christian Academy In Japan det. Zama American 25-18, 25-15, 25-12 At Camp Zama, Japan Defensive digs—Zama, Jamie Cayanong 6. Marist Brothers International def. E.J. King 25-12, 25-

Defensive digs—E.J. King, Cassie Tumbado Carmie Curineco 7

11, Carmie Cudueco 7. — 19. Cassie rumbado Canadian Academy def. EJ. King Cassie 7. At Kobe, Japan Serving – EJ. King, Cassie Tumbado 8-for-8, Carmie Cucueco 5-for-5. Defensive digs – EJ. King, Cassie Tumbado 4, Carmie Cucueco 4.

4, Carmie Guctieco 4.
Christian Academy in Japan def.
Robert D. Edgren 22-25, 25-11, 25-18, 25-16
At Camp Zama, Japan
Spike kills—CAJ, Keisey Masuda 6, Nanae
Ohld 5, Kelsey Hardeman 4,
Serving—CAJ, Ashley Ogawa 22-for-24
with 4 aces.

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William Miller CAI, Kelsey Hardeman 4,
Welley Massley Ogawa 16-for-17,
Block points—CAI, Erica Burge 6, 40-62.
Serving—CAI, Angle y Burge 6, 40-62.
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Serving—CAI, Angle John 5, 50-62.
Serving—CAI, Erica Burge 16-for-16.
Serving—Lai King, Edia Castro 16-for-16.
Serving—Lai King, Lidia Castro 16-for-16.
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E.J. King def. Nagoya International 25-11, 25-8, 25-4 At Kobe, Japan Serving—E.J. King, Cassie Tumbado 5-10r-18 with 12 aces.

for-18 with 12 aces.
Nie C. Kimick def. Robert D. Edgren
25-20, 22-25, 27-25, 25-23, 13-15
At Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan
pike kills-Kinnick, Jasmine Jordan
a Niemeyer 7, Katie Wilkinson 7; Edgi
le Roera 5.

a 5. aces – Kinnick, Erica Niemeyer 4. ve digs – Kinnick, Jasmine Jorda lock points—Kinnick, Katle Wilkinson 8. Yokota def. Sacred Heart 25-16, 25-16, 25-19 At Yokota Air Base, Japan pike kills—Yokota, Shlori Kaneko 4.

t assists—Yokota, Shiori Kaneko 4 t assists—Yokota, Darlene Seeley Maur International def. Zama Am 18-25, 25-22, 25-23, 21-25, 15-11 At Camp Zama, Japan

Service aces—Zama, Jamie Cayanong 6, imi Rakes 5, Elyssa Warren 4. Defensive digs—Zama, Amber Wilder 4. Japan tennis

Saturday's results At Tokyo

At 10kyo Boys Christian Academy In Japan 5, Yokota 0 Singles Jesse Damm, CAJ, def. Kenta Takahashi 6-1, 6-3 Andy Carrico, CAJ, def. Justin Acap 6-1, 6-2 SungBoem Lim, CAJ, def. Ken Brophy 6-1. 6-0

Doubles Ben Weemes and Calvin Lau, CAJ, def. hristian Wright and Daniel Adamson 6-2,

6-0
Ryan Oxley and Ryan Taylor, CAJ, def. Jay
Koziol and Andrew Jenres 6-4, 6-1
Girls
Christian Academy in Japan 5, Yokota 0
Irene Nohara, CAJ, def. Kristina Deleon 6-4, 1 Emi Korematsu, CAJ, def. Tomo Milda 4-6. b-1, b-1 Hannah Chung, CAJ, def. Danielle Porter 6-2, 6-2

6-2, 6-2 Danielle Porter

Doubles
Alecia May and Anhanda Justiniano, CAJ, def. (opponents names unavailable) 6-0, 6-0
Aysha Suzuki and Jessica Gho, CAJ, def. (opponents names unavailable) 6-0, 6-0
Senri International 3, EJ, King 2
Boys singles
Reiona 6-4

Boys doubles
Ravi Relan and Junwah, CA, def. Mark Bote
and John Cruz 6-5 (7-4)

Girls doubles
Rachel Kat and Claire Liepman, CA, def. Jenari Nimedez and Joan Aquino 6-1
Mixed doubles
Maria Cho and George Lauer, CA, def. Lara
Jeguzman and Jhan Ongoco 6-2

Golf

PGA Tour money leaders Through Sept. 26

L. Vijay Singh 2. Phil Mickelson 3. Tiger Woods 4. Ernie Els 5. Stewart Cink 5. Adam Scott 7. Davis Love III \$5,672,323 \$4,562,472 \$4,279,670 \$4,279,670 \$3,571,384 \$3,030,592 \$2,966,679 \$2,807,415 \$2,770,178 Sergio Garcia \$2,768,427 \$2,705,94 \$2,547,32 \$2,513,536 Steve Flesch Rory Sabbatini John Daly Mark Hensby \$2,276,886 \$2,270,197 \$2,242,507 \$2,222,291 19. Chad Campbell 20. Zach Johnson 21. Shigeki Maruyama 22. Scott Verplank \$2,205,977 \$2,102,405 \$2,054,440 \$2,015,477 \$1,947,225 24 26 23 20 21 24 19 Jerry Kelly Jay Haas

Auto racing

Nextel Cup schedule

(Race winners in parentheses) Feb. 15 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. Jale Earnhardt Jr.) (Dale Earnhardt Jr.) Feb. 22 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth) Feb. 22 — SUDWAY MAD, MODERNING, MAT KERSERTH)
March 7 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las
Vegas (Matt Kenseth)
March 14 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton,
Ga. (Dale Earnhardt Ir.)
March 21 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, March 21 — Carolinà Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Jimmle Johnson) and March 28 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. Kurf Bussell, Samsung/RadloShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Elliott Sadler) April 18 — Advance Auto Parts 500, Martin-sville, Va. (Rusty Wallace) April 25 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff April 25 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon) May 2 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jeff iordon) May 15 — Chevy American Revolution 400, sichmond, Va. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.) May 30 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. limmle Johnson) (Jimmile Johnson)
June 6 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
(Mark Martin)
June 13 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Jimmile Johnson)
June 20 — DHL 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Ryan Newman)

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June 27 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma,
Calif. (Jeff Gordon)
July 3 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
(Jeff Gordon)
July 11 — Tropicana 400, Jollet, Ill. (Tony
Stewart)
July 25 — Siemens 300, Loudon, N.H. (Kurt Busch) Aug. 1 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond (Jimile Johnson) Aug. 8 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis (Jeff MAD. 8 – Brickyard 400, Indianapolis Lieft Gordon) – Stries at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (107) Stewart 1 N.Y. (

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Sept. 26 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
(Ryan Newman)
Oct. 3 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 10 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 16 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, .C. Oct. 24 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va. Oct. 31 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Han

ton, Ga.

Nov. 7 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avon-dale, Ariz.

Nov. 14 — Mountain Dew 500, Darlington. C. Nov. 21 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Monday's transactions

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MISSOURI-Suspended sophomore LB
Pavid Richard for one game for disciplinary

reasons.
SIENA—Named Brian Fruscio men's assis-tant basketball coach.



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Union fighting Guillen's suspension

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON. Texas - The players' association filed a grievance Monday seeking to overturn the Anaheim Angels' suspension of left fielder Jose Guillen

Guillen was suspended without pay for the rest of the season on Sunday because of his outburst after being lifted for a pinch runner a day earlier in Anaheim. The suspension would continue into



the postseason if the Angels advance that far

The case will be heard by arbitrator Shyam Das in Oakland on Friday, the day the Angels start a regular season-ending series against the AL West-leading A's.

General Manager Bill Stone

man said the team would defend its move, but wouldn't go into de-

"It's something that's going to all be brought out in front of an arbitrator, and that's the appropriate setting." Stoneman said before the start of a four- game se-ries in Texas. "Jose's conduct that followed [being lifted], that's the bulk of it. ... There was stuff seen publicly and stuff that wasn't."

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Guillen was hit by a pitch opening the eighth inning of Satur-day's 5-3 victory over Oakland. Manager Mike Scioscia sent Alfre-

do Amezaga in to pinch run. After he walked off the field as the A's changed pitchers, Guillen tossed his helmet toward the side of the dugout Scioscia was standing in and walked to the opposite side of the dugout. He slammed his glove against the

Scioscia spoke with Guillen after Sunday night's game, call-ing the outfielder after finding a note on his desk with a phone

number. "Jose obviously doesn't like being in this situation of not being able to play," Scioscia said Mon-"In the meeting we had [Sunday], Jose understood what hap-pened. I think it sunk in, the magnitude of his actions causing the

suspension." Still, Scioscia said Guillen

"didn't initiate any apology."

Guillen was not with the team in Texas, where the Angels entered the series just a game be-hind the Athletics. Guillen's agent, Adam Katz, has declined comment.

Giants closer suspended NEW YORK - San Francisco

Giants closer Dustin Hermanson was suspended for three games by Major League Baseball for intentionally throwing at and hit-ting Jeff Kent of the Houston Astros in a game last week

MLB vice president Bob Wat-on also announced Tuesday that Hermanson has been fined an undisclosed amount.

Watson's announcement said Hermanson has filed an appeal, and that the suspension will remain on hold until the appeal process is completed.

Lawsuit filed over Bonds' 700th home run ball

SAN FRANCISCO - The San Francisco Giants fan who caught Barry Bonds' 700th homer is being sued by another man who says he is the rightful owner of the prized ball, which he maintains was stolen from him during a mad scramble.

According to a restraining order to be filed in state court Tuesday, Timothy Murphy said Steve Williams stole the historic blast from him during a melee in the left-center field bleachers at

SBC Park on Sept. 17. Williams said in an interview that he did not steal the ball but found it at the bottom of the bean

"We all got in this pile. There were people everywhere, 26-year-old from Pacifica said, adding that he did not kick or punch anybody to obtain the base-

Astacio, Halsey each suspended three games

NEW YORK - Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Astacio and New York Yankees pitcher Brad Halwere each suspended Tues day for three games and fined an undisclosed amount by Major League Baseball after being ejected from Boston's 11-4 victory over the weekend.

Astacio and Halsey have filed appeals, and won't begin serving their suspensions until their appeals are heard.



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Red Sox lock up return to playoffs

Damon leads charge vs. Devil Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. Amid a boisterous clubhouse celebration, the Red Sox wanted to make one thing clear: Their party was just beginning.

"This is step one. It's been a long trip, but we're here," General Manager Theo Epstein said after Boston clinched its second straight trip to the playoffs with a 7-3 victory Monday night over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"Now it's time to go to work. Everything that lays ahead of us is important. ... We're a very talent-ed team. I think it's a confident group. We feel we can go up against anyone and hold our own. I hope we're playing for another five weeks

Assured of no worse than the AL wild-card, the Red Sox closed within three games of the AL East-leading New York Yankees with six games remaining

Players shook hands and ex-



Oakland's Bobby Crosby hits a sacrifice fly to score the winning run in the ninth inning Monday.

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changed hugs and high-fives after the final out, then hustled into the clubhouse where they ran around, spraying one another with champagne, posing for pictures and dancing to hip-hop

When the champagne ran dry, they doused each other with beer water.

To a man, though, the Red Sox stressed that they are not satis-fied with just being in the play-

"We spent four months being a team of frauds," 21-game winner Curt Schilling said. "I guess not a lot of people were expecting us to get to this point. There was a lot of uncertainty in the middle of the season the way we were playing, and rightfully so. But I think we all expected at some point to be in this position.

The Red Sox rallied from a 2-0 deficit on Johnny Damon's three-run homer, then put some distance between themselves and the Devil Rays on Manny Ramirez's AL-leading 43rd homer, a 458-foot blast that soared over the center-field wall.

Jason Varitek and David Mc-Carty also homered, with all of the damage coming after Tampa Bay starter Scott Kazmir was ejected for hitting Ramirez and Kevin Millar with pitches in the fourth inning.

Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella also was tossed after Kazmir plunked Ramirez and Millar in a span of four pitches. The first one appeared to be retaliation for Boston's Bronson Arrovo hitting Aubrey Huff and Tino Martinez the previous inning

Kazmir, who held the Red Sox hitless for 31/3 innings, said he was not throwing at anyone.



Boston Red Sox's Johnny Damon, right, gets high-fives from teammates Kevin Youkilis, left, and Dave Mc-Carty, center, after hitting a fifth-inning, three-run home run against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Monday, The Red Sox became the fourth team to clinch a playoff spot with the 7-3 victory in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"I didn't see why I wouldn't stay in the game," he said. "I was just doing what I had been doing all game — throwing inside."

Arrovo (10-9) has hit 20 batters this season, most in the major leagues. The right-hander settled down after giving up Julio Lugo's RBI double in the second inning and a sacrifice fly to Rocco Baldel. li in the third to win his fifth straight decision and improve to 8-2 since ending a six-game losing streak on July 9.

Athletics 6, Mariners 5: After Barry Zito gave up a tying three-run homer to Willie Bloomquist, Oakland bounced back and maintained its one-game lead over Anaheim in the AL West.

Bobby Crosby's sacrifice fly with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning scored pinch-runner Esteban German with the win-

Oakland (89-67) was coming off consecutive losses to the An-

Ichiro Suzuki was 1-for-4 to

pull within five hits of George Sisler's 84-year-old record of 257. Seattle has six games remaining. Octavio Dotel (5-2) pitched a

perfect ninth, getting two strikeouts and Mark Kotsay's clutch catch against the center-field wall on a hard-hit ball by Jose Lopez.

Angels 5, Rangers 3: At Arlington, Texas, Chone Figgins had an RBI triple off Kenny Rogers (17-9) in the eighth and scored the go-ahead run on Darin Erstad's infield grounder.

Bartolo Colon (17-12) allowed four hits in eight-plus innings, winning for the 12th time in 16 decisions and becoming the first pitcher to beat Texas six times in a season. Troy Percival escaped a bases-loaded iam in the ninth for his 31st save. Blue Jays 4, Orioles 1: Gregg

Zaun homered and Orlando Hud son had three hits at Baltimore. which had won four straight. The Orioles (74-81) are assured of their seventh straight season without a winning record

league game, hard-throwing Brandon League (1-0) allowed one hit scoreless innings, and Miguel Batista got three outs for his fourth save. Sidney Ponson (11-15) gave up three runs and nine hits in six innings

Tigers 4, White Sox 2: Dmitri Young hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the sixth at Detroit, which stopped a 22-inning score less streak and a five-game losing

Gary Knotts (6-6) allowed two runs and five hits in 62/3 innings, and Esteban Yan got two outs for his sixth save, finishing a six-hit-

Jason Grilli (2-2) pitched a three-hitter for his first complete game in 13 major league starts. Joe Crede homered, giving Chica-go six players with 20 for the first time in franchise history.

Indians 6, Royals 1: Casey Blake drove in three runs, and Jake Westbrook (14-9) gave up five hits in seven innings at Kansas City. Jaime Cerda (1-3) was

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Dodgers closing season strong

Beltre's slam brings first playoff berth since '96 within reach

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers are clos-ing in on their first playoff berth in eight years, and they're not about to leave their chances to fate

"It's not meant to be," Adrian Beltre

said. "You have to earn it He and the Dodgers are doing just that. Beltre hit a grand slam, Milton Bradley

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singled home the winning run in the ninth inning and Los Angeles edged the Colorado Rockies 8-7 Monday night, increasing its NL West lead to three games over idle San Francisco with six remaining

Beltre hit his third slam of the season and leads the major leagues with 48 home runs, tying Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt's record for third basemen set in 1980 with Philadelphia.

The Dodgers have not reached the postseason since 1996, one year after winning their last division title. They haven't even won a playoff game since '88, when they upset Oakland in the World Series

But they've been a charmed team this season, rallying for 50 comeback victories and winning 23 times in their final at-bat.

"If you're going to do things like that you have to have step-up, clutch performanc-es," manager Jim Tracy said.

Los Angeles came back after trailing 7-5 in the eighth. Yhency Brazoban (4-1) earned the win by retiring one batter, Vinny Castilla. The Dodgers used seven

pitchers.
"That's usually the way those storied seasons go," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle sons go," Colorado manager Cama said. "That's a reshuffled bullpen they have and they no-hit us the last five in nings. They're doing the things you need to do to put you in the postseason

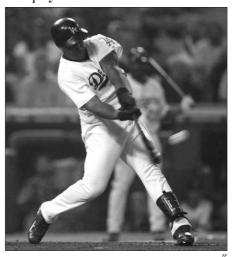
Steve Reed (3-8) gave up one-out singles to Jayson Werth and Steve Finley in the ninth, putting runners at the corners. Beltre was intentionally walked and the Rockies pulled their infield in, but Bradley slapped a hard grounder past second base man Aaron Miles to score Werth.

Castilla and Brad Hawpe homered for the Rockies, Todd Helton went 3-for-5 with three RRIs

Cubs 12, Reds 5: Todd Walker homered and drove in four runs, Carlos Zam-brano (16-8) won his fourth straight decision and the Cubs extended their wild-card lead to one game over San Francisco.

Corey Patterson, Derrek Lee and Jose Macias also connected, and Nomar Garciaparra was 3-for-3 with a walk and a pair of RBIs. Adam Dunn hit his 43rd homer for

Astros 10, Cardinals 3: At Houston, Roy



The Dodgers' Adrian Beltre connects for a grand slam in the second inning against the Colorado Rockies on Monday in Los Angeles. Beltre leads the majors with 48 homers.

Oswalt (19-10) became the NL's first 19-game winner, and the Astros remained 11/2 games behind Chicago in the wild-card

Pinch-hitter Jason Lane homered and Craig Biggio hit a two-run double. Carlos Beltran added a two-run triple, and Morgan Ensberg had a two-run double.

The NL Central-champion Cardinals had their five-game winning streak stopped. Second baseman Tony Womack left in the seventh after being hit on the left hand by a pitch from Oswalt. X-rays were negative. Woody Williams (11-8) gave up eight runs and 10 hits in three innings.

Diamondbacks 3. Brewers 1: At Phoenix, Randy Johnson struck out 10 in seven innings and Arizona snapped a six-game losing streak with a win over Ben Sheets

Johnson (15-14) walked one in his 13th

double-digit strikeout game of the season and 204th of his career — 11 shy of Nolan Ryan's major league record. The Big Unit allowed one run and six hits

Pirates 6, Phillies 1: At Philadelphia, Ty Wigginton hit a two-run homer, and Oliver Perez (11-10) pitched 62/3 strong innings, eliminating the Phillies from postseason contention. Eric Milton (14-5) fell to 3-3 with nine no-decisions since the All-Star

Marlins 4, Expos 1: At Montreal, Josh Beckett (8-9) pitched seven sharp innings, and Miguel Cabrera hit his 31st homer for Florida. The Marlins, eliminated from playoff contention one day earlier, ended a season-high six-game losing streak

Only 3,923 fans showed up for the opener of what is likely the Expos' final series in Montreal, Armando Benitez got his 45th save in 49 opportunities.

MLB officials: Announcement of Expos to D.C. likely Thursday

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Washington's wait could be almost over

Exactly 33 years after the Washing-ton Senators played their final game, the nation's capital might learn on Thursday that Major League Baseball

plans to return next season. Several baseball officials said Monday that the most likely day for an an-nouncement that Washington, D.C., has been selected for the future home of the Montreal Expos is Thursday, although there was a slight chance the timetable

could be moved up. After a meeting of the sport's execu-tive council last Thursday, a high-ranking baseball official who spoke on the condition of anonymity said Major League Baseball would attempt to finalize negotiations with Washington within a week. It would be the first franchise relocation in the major leagues since the expansion Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season.

The deal to move the Expos to Washington would be subject to government approval of funding for both a \$13 mil-lion refurbishment of RFK Stadium and a new ballpark costing slightly over \$400 million, which would be built along the Anacostia River in the southsection of the city

A move also must be approved by three-quarters of major league owners and survive legal challenges by the Ex-pos' former limited partners and possibly by Baltimore owner Peter Angelos, who objects to having a team just 40 miles from his. Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, went to Baltimore on Friday to negotiate a compensation arrangement with Angelos.

The Orioles owner told The (Balti-more) Sun that he could be persuaded to drop his opposition if he could be assured that his team and the state of Maryland's investment in Oriole Park mden Yards could be protected.

"If those two goals can be accom-plished, and I feel the franchise would be secure and the revenue stream is protected and the asset value is secure, it might be possible to make a deal," Angelos told The Sun for a story Tuesday.

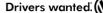
The original Washington Senators played 4,610 home games before becoming the Minnesota Twins after the 1960 season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The expansion Senators played 883 home games before moving to



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Rally: Parcells keeps his edge on Gibbs

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Brunell was 25-for-43 for 325 yards, including 167 yards and two touchdowns to Gardner.

The Cowbovs lost cornerback Pete Hunter to a sprained left knee in the first quarter, and Parcells said the injury might be a season-ending ACL tear. Hunter was replaced by rookie Jacques Reeves

In the first half, the officials nearly overshadowed the coaches. Parcells and Gibbs each used a replay challenge in the first 71/2 minutes, and Gibbs tried to use another one on a play that was declared non-reviewable. Both first-half scoring drives benefited from questionable calls.

Asked about the officiating, Gibbs said: "There are probably 100 plays in that thing that you wish you could have back or have gone the other way, but that's life up here.

Parcells was more blunt: "This challenge thing is a joke for the head coaches. You have to rely on upstairs, and it's hard. It's just blind faith "

The key play on Dallas' touchdown drive was a pass interference call on cornerback Walt Harris, who stumbled as he was grabbed by Glenn as both chased a long pass down the right sideline. Harris was called for putting his hand up while falling in a desperate bid to impede Glenn, resulting in a 40-yard penalty that gave Dallas the ball on the 1.

Dallas scored on the next play on a run by Eddie George, whose streak of 130 consecutive starts came to an end. The streak is an NFL record from the start of a career. His touchdown was only the

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44 This challenge thing is a joke

for the head coaches !!

Cowboys coach

second allowed by the Redskins defense this season.

The Redskins rebounded to score late in the first half thanks to a beneficial call on a third-down play. Clinton Portis' knee was clearly down by contact short of the first down after a reception, but he was allowed to get and run for a 12-yard gain Brunell then made three big completions to move the ball to the 1, but the Cowboys' defense held Washington to a 19-yard field goal by John Hall.

Dallas struck quickly to take a 14-3 lead early in the third quarter, going 80 yards in four plays. Antonio Bryant stepped in front of cornerback Fred Smoot for a 48-yard reception, then Testaverde found Keyshawn Johnson over the middle for a 23-yard gain. On the next play, tight end Jason Witten was open in the back corner of the end zone for a 10-yard TD

The Redskins struck back immediately for their first touchdown, although they needed a roughing-the-passer call on a fourth-and-1 incompletion to keep the drive alive. Marcellus Wiley was called for the infraction for shoving Brunell with a forearm to the head, giving Brunell second life on a drive in which he was 6-for-7, including a 1-yard throw to Gardner for the

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Cardinals quarterback Josh McCown is sacked by Falcons defensive end Patrick Kerney on Sunday. Despite three fumbles in the game, McCown will remain Arizona's starting quarterback.

McCown still starter for punchless Cards

BY MEL REISNER The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. - Despite being benched after three fumbles against Atlanta, Josh McCown is still the Arizona Cardinals' quar-

Given Dennis Green's track record with Minnesota, McCown might not have a lot of time to learn the position - the coach used seven different quarter-backs to get the Vikings to the playoffs eight times.

Green said Monday that Mc-Cown needs to learn how to make better reads on when to scramble and when to get rid of the ball.

"You just have to make sure you're protecting the ball, particularly in a hard-hitting game," Green said. "It was hard-hitting on both ends, so Michael Vick was disappointed in the ones he lost, and Josh was disappointed in the ones he lost."

Green said McCown has to temper his athleticism, which makes his scrambles a threat, with better feel for pressure. "There will be times when a de-

fense will give you a look you don't anticipate or somebody misses a block - whatever the case may be — and you've just got to get rid of the ball," he said. McCown was 20-for-26 for 198 yards, completing 13 consecutive passes at one point, but wasn't able to guide the offense to a touchdown in a 6-3 loss to the Falcons. Two of McCown's fumbles

and one by wide receiver Karl

Williams occurred inside Atlan-

ta's 20-yard line.

The Cardinals (0-3) got the ball back on Adrian Wilson's interception after McCown was sacked for the fifth time and lost the ball for the third time. Shaun King re placed McCown under center with 11:35 left in the game.

The Cardinals gained 6 yards in three plays before Neil Rackers kicked a 30-yard field goal. Green has been trying to im-

waiving center Pete Kendall the day training camp opened and said better blocking would help.

"We can work hard and also have some replacements. We'll look at both areas," Green said.

"It is surprising it's taking us this long to jell together," right tackle Anthony Clement said. "I would've thought this would have happened a long time ago.

The Cardinals would have been in position to at least tie the game when Williams got the hall to the Falcons 7 on a reverse with 2:26 left, but he sustained a stinger when he was hit by Chris Draft and couldn't hang onto the ball.

"He lost feeling in the arm and the ball came out," Green said. "You know, you create your good luck, and bad luck is something that can happen to you. We did not create any good luck yester-day, but we did have a few bad-luck plays, and that was one of them. He's had that stinger before, and got hit right there

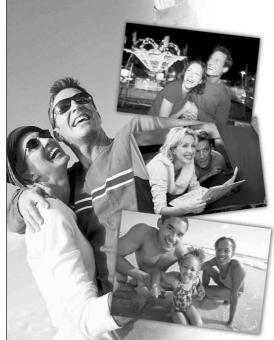
Green didn't expect Williams to miss any time this week and said the team was in relatively good health except for backup de fensive tackle Ross Kolodziei. who will be out two to three weeks with a sprained ankle, and linebacker James Darling, who left the game with a concussion.

Green said wide receiver Anquan Boldin, last year's NFL rookie of the year who had arthrosconic surgery on his right knee after a warmup-exercise injury on Aug. 11, should be able to return sometime between mid-October to Nov. 1. Boldin's absence has hampered the development of the offense and forced rookie wideout Larry Fitzgerald, the No. 3 pick in this year's draft, to endure near-perpetual double coverage. The Falcons held Fitzgerald to

36 yards and five catches.

'That's something you're going to see in this league every week," Fitzgerald said. "I am physical enough to get off the line of scrim-

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Chicago quarterback Rex Grossman ruptured a knee ligament on Sunday and will miss the rest of the season.

Key players seem more prone to injuries in the early going

BY DAVE GOLDBERG The Associated Press

So many NFL teams are losing key players this season that mak-

ing the playoffs might be a matter If there haven't been more inju-

ries so far this season, there are certainly more important players getting hurt.

Two weeks ago, Carolina lost Steve Smith and Stephen Davis, two of its top offensive threats Last week the injury epidemic struck Cleveland's Kellen Win-slow Jr., Gerard Warren and Courtney Brown

It was so bad that coach Butch Davis brought trainer Mike Colello to a news conference.

Also lost were Deuce McAllister, the Saints' star running back, Pittsburgh quarterback Tommy Maddox.

Two more quarterbacks were seriously injured Sunday: Chicago's Rex Grossman is gone for the son with a knee injury and Oakland's Rich Gannon has a broken vertebra in his neck that will keep him out for at least eight weeks.

Even the indestructible Brett Favre disclosed after Sunday's loss in Indianapolis that he has an injury to his left shoulder, although he insisted it won't end his NFL record streak of 192 regular-season starts at quarterback

wouldn't be playing," Favre said. "But I feel like Mel Gibson in 'Le-thal Weapon.' It's just kind of loose and kind of wobbles around and pops out from time to time. As long as it pops back, I'm OK."

Put Tennessee's Steve McNair, the NFL's co-MVP, in the same category. He left Sunday's game with Jacksonville with a bruised chest and will remain hospitalized until Tuesday, although he could play on Sunday

Butch Davis said last week he had seen a list of players lost for the season with almost 200 names

The NFL says there is no such list, although the league issues public injury reports from Wednesday through Friday and it tightened the reporting guidelines for teams during the preseason.

"The weekly reports have been a cornerstone of the public's confidence in the NFL for decades,' Commissioner Paul Tagliabue wrote in a memo to all 32 coach-"Clubs are expected to issue information that is credible, accurate and specific within the guidelines of our policies.'

The epidemic started during the exhibition season.

Two top offensive linemen Washington's Jon Jansen and St. Louis' Kyle Turley - were lost for the season, as was Miami wide receiver David Boston. Anguan definitely with a knee injured in camp, and another young receiving star, Detroit's Charles Rogers was lost for the season a week ago for the second straight year with a broken collarbone

Pro Bowl middle linebacker Brian Urlacher of the Bears, who already have lost safety Mike Brown for the season, missed all the exhibition games with a hamstring injury, then was idle for the first time in his five-year career Sunday after aggravating it.

In addition to Grossman and Gannon, this week's injury list includes Tampa Bay running back Charlie Garner, Philadelphia fullback Jon Ritchie and Cincinnati middle linebacker Nate Webster, all out for the season with knee injuries. Garner joins Bucs starting wide receiver Joey Galloway on the sideline

Ritchie's injury is another blow to the running back corps of the Eagles, the only team to win all three games this season by double-digit margins. Correll Buckhalter, who was to split duties at running back with Brian Westbrook, was lost for the season in training camp.

Some teams have overcome injuries the way New England did last season. The Patriots won the Super Bowl despite having a dozen key players sidelined at various times. Oakland has the luxury of having Kerry Collins, who guided the Giants to the 2001 Super Bowl, to replace Gannon.

Other teams get by with less-proven backups.

Carolina, for example, lost Smith, its best receiver, in its opener and also went without Davis, its starting running back, at Kansas City. The NFC champions won that game with DeShaun Foster running for 174 yards in Davis' place and rookie Keary Colbert catching three balls for 46 yards, including a 9-yard touchdown, as

Smith's replacement. "I felt good about the people that were stepping in," coach John Fox said. "There are no redshirts here, everybody has got a scholarship."

Baltimore without Pro Bowl tight end Todd Heap, turned Sunday to its old standby, Jamal Lewis, who ran for 186 yards in a win in Cincinnati. Heap might miss three more weeks with a sprained ankle.

That's this year's solution: Go with whoever remains standing and hope for the best.

McNair questionable with bruised sternum

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennes-see quarterback Steve McNair was released from the hospital Tuesday morning after two-night stay with a bruised ster-

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num. McNair was injured late in Titans the

15-12 loss to Jacksonville on Sunday. A team spokesman said McNair was resting at home.

The 2003 co-MVP got hurt at the end of a 5-yard run when he dove forward. As he went down, 312-pound Jaguars tackle Marcus Stroud landed on McNair's back.

Coach Jeff Fisher said McNair will be listed as questionable for Sunday's game against the San Diego Chargers, Tuesday was an off-day for the Titans, who return to practice Wednesday

If McNair can't play backup Billy Volek would make his first start since rupturing his spleen in a 28-26 victory over Buffalo last

Bears sign QB Hutchinson

December.

LAKE FOREST, Ill. - The Chicago Bears signed former Dallas quarterback Chad Hutchinson to a two-year contract Tuesday after Rex Grossman was lost for the season with a torn anterior cruci ate ligament. Hutchinson will begin to prac-

tice with the Bears on Wednesday. The 6-foot-5 Hutchinson started nine games as a rookie with Dallas in 2002.

Jonathan Quinn will start Sunday against the unbeaten Eagles at Soldier Field.

Rivers moves up Chargers' depth chart to No. 2

SAN DIEGO — Philip Rivers just got a lot closer to taking his first snap with the San Diego Chargers

Rivers was promoted from third-string quarterback to No. 2 on Monday, a day after Drew

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Browns: RB Lee Suggs (neck stinger)
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Eagles: FB Jon Ritchie (torn knee liga-ment) out for season.

Giants: RB Ron Dayne (calf) status un-

Lions: RB Kevin Jones (high ankle prain) expected to miss 2-4 weeks. Packers: QB Brett Favre (shoulder, amstring) likely to play.

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Yikings: LB E.J. Henderson (sprained left knee), LB Chris Claiborne (strained left calf), C Matt Birk (sprained left ankle), TE Jermaine Wiggins (broken hand) all four expected to play Oct. 17 after team's off week.

Brees was ineffective in a 23-13 loss at Denver that dropped the Chargers to 1-2.

Coach Marty Schottenheimer said Brees remains the starter. But if Brees were to get hurt - or get the hook — Rivers, the \$40.5 million rookie, would get the call over 41-year-old Doug Flutie.

"I'm not sitting here all fired up like I've achieved something, Rivers said. "I'm pleased that I've made some progress." Schottenheimer said he made

the move to give Rivers more snaps during practice. Rivers had been directing the scout team against the No. 1 defense, running the plays that the upcoming oppo nent is expected to run. Rivers said he's gotten virtually no snaps with the No. 1 offense during prac tices so far.

Schottenheimer said Flutie "has been a fireman, if you will, the guy who would come in during the fourth quarter, and by put-ting him at No. 3, we don't compromise his ability to do that."

Said Flutie: "I didn't know we were into specialties. I'll be the closer, I guess. I'll do what's asked of me, whatever that might be.

Winless Chiefs face tough road

BY DOUG TUCKER The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -Kansas City Chiefs are 0-3, and

their season could get a lot worse. Beginning with Monday's game at Baltimore (2-1), the Chiefs' four upcoming opponents are a combined 10-2

The Chiefs could be looking at their worst season since Carl Peterson arrived in 1989 and turned a loser into a winner. Since Peterson became president and general manager, Kansas Citv's worst record was 6-10 in 2001 -Dick Vermeil's first season.

"It would be fun to turn around our season on a Monday night because all the experts have proba-bly already written us off." Vermeil said Monday. "It's understandable. But I think it would be

a mistake. The Chiefs, getting a 97-yard kickoff return from Dante Hall, won 17-10 at Baltimore a year ago en route to a 9-0 record and

13-3 season. But Hall has been kept out of the end zone this season and the Chiefs' Super Bowl aspirations are almost certain to evaporate if they go 0-4

We know how to go there and y," Vermeil said. "In some ways we're better than we were last year when we go there, and in some ways we're not as good. Sunday's 24-21 home loss to

Houston sent the Chiefs to their first 0-3 record since the 1980 squad was 0-4. Adding to the disappointment was the fact that Kansas City beat the visitors in just about every category but the The offense had its best game

of the season, piling up 364 yards. Ouarterback Trent Green threw his first three touchdown passes of the year.

The much-maligned defense stuffed the Texans offense time after time, holding Domanick Davis to 12 yards on 10 carries, sacking David Carr three times and giving up 296 net yards.

Yet, they still lost.



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BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Strines

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa Parents spend much of a child's life preaching about the virtues of not playing in mud.

"Well, I guess we didn't listen, did we?" said mud-covered captain Duane Thompson of Okinawa's 3rd Force Service Support Group soccer team.

While the rain had finally moved on, its after-effects lin-gered quite visibly on Day 2 of the Marine Forces Pacific Regional Soccer Tournament.

Already battered by end-long rain associated with Typhoon Meari, Foster Field 1 got no help Tuesday from gusty southerly winds and occasional sunshine. As a result, the mud that stretched from end to end of the field worsened, if that was possi-

Despite slippery playing fields and churned turf, the teams managed to complete seven games Tuesday - but the conditions led at least one coach to suggest a change in venue, even temporarily, to give Field 1 a chance to re-

"The field needs one or two days so they can do some maintenance on it." said Peter Burcheson of Okinawa's 1st Marine Aircraft Wing





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Odair Correia and Gabriel Mallery, left and middle, of Marine Corps Base Hawaii go up to head the ball along with Michael Williamson of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler on Tuesday at Camp Foster, Okinawa. Base blanked two-time defending champion Hawaii 2-0.

He suggested moving the tournament to one of Camp Foster's other fields, or perhaps to Futenma Air Station where fields "aren't as saturated."

However, according to Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Athletics officials, no other fields were available — and even had one been, quickly moving from one field to another would take time and interrupt

This is the best field we have, said Semper Fit's Mike Walker, one of the tournament's organiz-"Despite the weather, we shall overcome. The teams seem to be happy. Everybody's got a nice equilibrium and balance. Ev-

erybody's here to play."

Burcheson's concerns were

The gooey field conditions would cause the "quality of play to go way down," he said, in a tour nament that helps select players for the All-Marine tryout camp Oct. 11-Nov. 1 and for the All-Armed Forces Tournament Nov. 2 - 9 at San Diego.

"You might also start to see some injuries," he said. "A slip-pery field will cause that."

Only a few minor bumps and bruises, mainly caused by physi-cal contact, occurred Tuesday

But keeping one's footing was a daunting challenge, especially for referees, who battled to stay up right while keeping players' tempers, already frayed by the condi-

tions, in check. "Now that the grass is dug up, you don't have anything to take hold," said David Abel of the Ryukyu International Soccer As sociation, which provides offi-cials for the tournament.

The field conditions, he said, can cause players to "lose their temper and it takes them out of their game. You have to assure players that they're slipping more than being fouled, and to

just keep playing."

The mud even affected play on the sidelines, where linesmen roam with their flags to make off side calls. Tuesday, their run of half the field each got so bad that they switched sides of the field. For the center referee, that meant looking to the left instead

"It makes a referee have to think more about positioning, be-sides the play," said Scott Sam-dahl of Yokota Air Base, the U.S. Soccer Federation's state referee for the Pacific region, who's at the tournament to assess RISA referees.

of the right to watch for flags.

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Bryant defense drops its bid to seal evidence

DENVER - Kobe Bryant's attorneys abruptly dropped a bid to seal evidence in the NBA star's rape case Monday, saving the details would be leaked anyway and that releasing all the documents will reveal how unprofessional the prosecution was.

In a scathing court filing, defense attorney Pamela Mackey alleged "unlawful or improper conduct" by law enforcement officers and prosecutors in the case, including the leaking of information and suppression of evidence suggesting Bryant was innocent.

spokeswoman Prosecution Krista Flannigan said prosecutors were evaluating the filing. She declined further comment.

District Attorney Mark Hurlbert dropped the felony sexual assault charge against Bryant at the alleged victim's request Sept. 1. He recently said evidence and documents in the case should be released, saying the public's interest in reviewing actions and decisions by prosecutors and the judge outweighed Bryant's privacy concerns.

There was no immediate indication whether District Judge Richard Hart would open the files after the defense's court filing Monday in Eagle

Bryant still faces a federal civil suit filed by the accuser seeking unspecified damages for pain, suffering, "public scorn, hatred and ridicule."

Hornets forward Mashburn out for the season

NEW ORLEANS - Former All-Star forward Jamal Mash burn will miss the entire 2004-05 NBA season because of a knee injury that could end his career

Mashburn and the New Orleans Hornets announced the news Monday, a week before the start of training camp.

The injury kept Mashburn, a 10-year veteran, out of all but 19 games last season after he underwent surgery to remove loose particles from his right knee. Mashburn said strenuous activity caus-

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swell as badly as it did last March when his season ended. He av-

eraged 20.8 points.

During a news conference, Mashburn acknowledged the injury could end his career, which began in 1993 as a first-round draft choice of the Dallas Mavericks. He also had a stint with the Miami Heat before joining the Hornets in 2000 and making the All-Star team during the 2002-03

"I have to remain optimistic," he said. "Hopefully, I can get better with rest. This is my livelihood. I have to stay positive

Mercury's Taurasi wins WNBA Rookie of Year award

PHOENIX - Diana Taurasi of the Phoenix Mercury was a runaway selection Monday as the WNBA's rookie of the year.

Taurasi became the second No. 1 overall draft pick to win the award, joining Chamique Holdsclaw of Washington in 1999.

The point guard was fourth in the league in scoring (17.0), 10th in assists (3.9) and 14th in min-utes played (33.2), while also averaging 4.4 rebounds and 1.2 steals.

174 NHL players now in Europe

TORONTO - Dmitri Afanasenkov of the Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning became the latest NHL player to head to Europe, agreeing on Tuesday to return home to Russia during the lockout.

The wing will play for Lada Togliatti of the Russian league.

Afanasenkov had six goals and 10 assists in 71 regular-season games last season and a goal and two assists in 23 playoff games.

There are 174 NHL players in Europe, about 25 percent of the league's roster spots. Most of those players have clauses in their contracts that permit them to return to the NHL if the labor impasse ends in time to salvage a

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Spike in the win column

Yokota volleyball team benefits from a better attitude

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

hough the players are pretty much the same, the difference in Yoko ta's volleyball team from last year to this season is night and day

In 2003, the Panthers muddled through a 7-11 regular season, then went winless for the first four days of the Far East High School Class AA Tournament. They finally broke through on the fifth day, in their last match, to finish 15th in a 16-team field. Look at them now.

The Panthers streaked to an 8-0 record - the best in school history — sweeping three Japan Volleyball League matches with Edgren

and the two-match season series with

Zama American. The winning streak ended Saturday with a four-set loss to Seisen Interna-tional. But Seisen had to work for it, winning 26-24, 25-16 24-26, 25-19

"They've been playing super Yokota good," coach Bonnie Seelev said "The fans are loving it. Even when we lost, everybody was com-

ing up to me and saying, 'Now, that's some volleyball.'" Given that six members of last season's team are on this season's

squad, why the turnaround? This year's team has more maturity, experience and chemistry, said captain and setter Darlene

Seeley, the coach's daughter. "They all witnessed the harm done last year with the attitudes," Bonnie Seeley said. "We've gone over and over how important it is to have a good attitude and keep

"We had the talent last year," said Darlene, who posted 167 set assists in the team's nine matches this season. But this year, she said, "we really have good personalities on the team Everybody gets along. We try to leave all that

outside stuff outside the court. A far cry, Bonnie said, from last year's discontented lot that was "arguing on the court from

the get-go.

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Bonnie Seeley

Yokota coach

From the first day of practice, the coach said, the concepts of "good attitude" and "no drama" ve been drilled into the players.

Having six seniors, including Seelev, middle blockers Shawna Vitarbo, Rachel Wright and Andrevia Thomas and outside hitter Jonica Childress, was of great help, she said, along with junior Shiori Kaneko

"We're determined not to let anything take us down because we have so much potential," the coach said. "They're working hard, not just on the court, but in all aspects of being a teammate.

"If one per-son's upset, then everybody's upset and it radiates" among the rest of the team. Darlene Seeley added. "If we all coming up to me get along, every-thing works well and that's happening this sea-

some volleyball.' Other coaches have noticed, including Sarah Richardson. who coached

Edgren since They have so much confidence on the court, and that's something you just can't give Richardson said. "They hustle and move. You seldom find any of them standing around. I think they'll be a force to reckon

with at Far East." The Class AA tournament is six weeks away. But the Seeleys exude confidence that a far different Yokota team will compete in

Far East this year. "We're saving we're enough to finish in the top whatev-er number," the coach said. "Yoko-ta's going to be up there this year."

We can really excel at Far East," her daughter added. "You won't see a 15th-place finish. Not

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Yokota junior outside hitter Shiori Kaneko spikes the ball against Seisen International senior Yuri Koshibe (17) on Saturday at Yokota Air Base, Japan, Yokota lost for the first time in nine matches this season

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Robert D. Eduren at Nile C. Kinnick i:30 p.m. E.J. King at Yokota, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2

Saturday, Oct. 2
St. Mary's Int'l, Seisen Int'l and E.J.
King at Yokota, 9 a.m.
Edoren at Zama American, 9 a.m. Kinnick at Christian Academy In apan, 9 a.m.

Japan, 9 a.m.

Cross country
Saturday, Oct.2

Int'l School of be Sacred Heart, Yokota, Christian Academy In Japan, Nile C.
Kinnick, St. Maur Int, E.J. King, Yokohamaint'l, Zama American, Seiser Int'l and
St. Mary's Int'l at Tama Hills Recreation
Center, Tokyo, 9 a.m.

y. Girls volleyball (all start times 5:30 p Regular season

Tuesday, Oct. 5
First round

Fourth-place Gadao vs.

Taga, 6 p.m. — Third-place Taga vs. Gadao, 6 p.m. — Fourth-place Taga vs. Gadao, 6 p.m.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Chris Johnson Football

the melodrama out.

Zama American, Japan

Last week: Bushed 18 times for 137 yards and two touchdowns as the Trojans recorded their first victory of the season in four tries, holding off American School In Japan 22-18 Saturday at Mustang Valley, ASIJ's Chofu campus in

The accelerated senior, who became



one of coach Bon Geist's team last week, scored on runs of 21 and 12 yards in the first half. Including the second half of Zama's 14-12 loss the week before to Robert D. Edgren, Johnson has gained 265 yards and scored four times on his ast 35 carries.
"He's brought the offense alive," Geist

said. "He needs to stay lower but he likes to hit, whether he's carrying the ball or whether he's on defense. He's a player, the kind of player a coach likes to have."

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Rachel Miller Girls volleyball

Seoul American South Korea Last week: Scored 13 snike kills in 40

hitting attempts with only five errors, and seven aces on 22-for-27 serving to boost the Falcons (6-0) past the Seoul Foreign Crusadore 25,19, 27,25, 21,25, 25,20 in a can Interscholastic Activities Conference



has been instrumental in the Falcons' suc cess. She's racked up 41 kills in 94 at-tempts and 22 aces on 60-for-75 serving

this season.
"Rachel has been a great addition to the team," coach Denny Hilgar said. "She's extremely demanding of herself, which radiates out to the rest of the squad,

forcing them to perform better also. She's still working on refining some aspects of her game, which should make her even more potent later on."

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Dallas derails rally



Dallas' Tony Dixon (24) Jacques Reeves (35) and Terence Newman (41) stop Washington receiver Laveranues Coles (80) at the 1-yard line late in the second quarter. The Redskins had first and goal but had to settle for a field goal in their 13th loss in the past 14 games against Dallas.

Redskins run out of time, fall to Cowbo

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press LANDOVER, Md. - No one will mistake this game for the great Bill Parcells-Joe Gibbs duels of the 1980s, but the drama definitely

was back when the rivalry resumed. The Dallas Cowboys couldn't run the ball and were dominated in time of possession. The Washington Redskins allowed five sacks and were hurt by early penalties and drops and wasted second-half timeouts.

It added up to a 21-18 victory Monday night by Parcells' Cowboys over Gibbs' Redskins.

"How many times in this era are you going to see coaches like that come together?" said Dallas safety Tony Dixon, who had two sacks. "It's an honor that we'll be able to look back and see a classic game and see Parcells and Gibbs on the sidelines — and hopefully see some of the plays I made."

In their first meeting in 14 years, Parcells showed he still has Gibbs' number. The Dallas

coach has won 12 of 18 meetings and seven in a row against the Hall of Fame coach, the rest coming when Parcells' New York Giants and Gibbs' Redskins were strong NFC East rivals

"It wasn't pretty," Parcells said, "But we're happy to win on the road. Anytime you can come some place on a Monday night, in a rivalry like this, and you're able to win, you have to he hanny

In the end, Parcells pulled the final trick: a halfback option that produced the last touchdown for the Cowboys (2-1). Gibbs, meanwhile, was left to rue two wasted timeouts and another lost on a failed replay challenge. With just one more timeout, the Redskins (1-2) would have had a chance to kick a tving field

at the end. "I feel bad because I'm the guy who is supposed to get it done," Gibbs said. "It's still early. We're 1-2, and there are a lot of good

teams that are 1-2 right now. The victory, Dallas' 13th in its past 14 meetings with Washington, made Parcells the 10th

NFL coach to win 150 regular-season games. The trick play was a pass from running back Richie Anderson that floated into the hands of Terry Glenn in the back of the end zone early in the fourth quarter, giving the Cowboys a 21-10 lead and enough cushion to survive a Redskins comeback.

Mark Brunell, playing one week after straining his hamstring in a loss to the Giants, cut the lead to three when he hit Rod Gardner for a touchdown pass and Taylor Jacobs for a 2-point conversion with 4:30 to play.

But the Cowboys were able to use all but 21 seconds on the clock on their final drive because Washington was out of timeouts. The Redskins managed two plays in the dving seconds, ending with a 46-yard pass to Gardner at the Dallas 21. Time expired because Gard-

ner could not get out of bounds. Vinny Testaverde was 14-for-29 for 214 yards for the Cowboys.

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